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ACTION COMICS

Featuring

**"SUPERGIRL'S
GREATEST VICTORY!"**

≥ GASP! ≤ ... I'M TOO WEAK EVEN TO CRAWL AWAY FROM THIS KRYPTONITE METEOR! BUT SUPERGIRL STILL HAS HER SUPER-STRENGTH! HOW DID SHE... UH... GAIN IMMUNITY?



"I don't care what your age is! Whether you're a teenager, in your 20's, 30's, 40's, or 50's. Just RUSH me your LAST CHANCE COUPON below checking the KIND of HE-MAN BODY YOU DESIRE FAST and I'LL SEND YOU absolutely FREE 6 AMAZING PICTURE-PACKED COURSES LISTED BELOW that show you no matter what your age or condition

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How to GAIN UP TO 50 LBS. OF MIGHTY MUSCLES! or How to Change FAT into MUSCLES FAST!

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Sincerely yours for Physical Perfection . . .

George F. Jowett

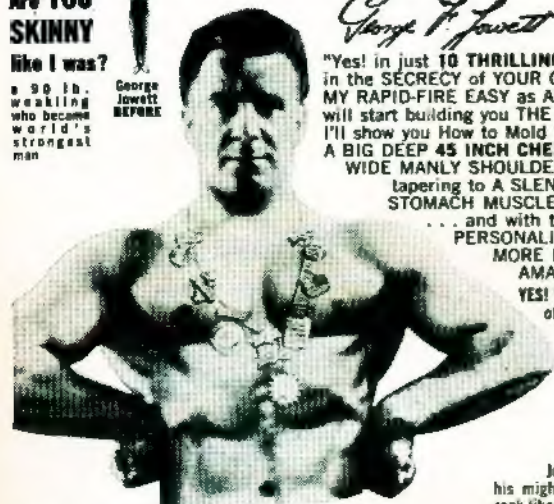
Famous Physical Directors like J. F. Kelly and Larry Campbell said "George F. Jowett is by far THE WORLD'S GREATEST MOLDER OF HANDSOME HE-MEN and CHAMPS out of weaklings."

Are YOU SKINNY like I was?

a 90 lb. weakling who became world's strongest man



George Jowett BEFORE



"Yes! in just 10 THRILLING MINUTES a day in the SECRECY of YOUR OWN ROOM at home MY RAPID-FIRE EASY as ABC FAMOUS PICTURE METHODS will start building you THE VERY FIRST NIGHT . . . I'll show you How to Mold 16 INCH ARMS of MIGHT, A BIG DEEP 45 INCH CHEST housing TIRELESS LUNGS, WIDE MANLY SHOULDERS - A BROAD BRAWNY BACK tapering to A SLENDER WAIST with punch-proof STOMACH MUSCLES. LEGS of RUNNING POWER! . . . and with these you get a POWERFUL PERSONALITY that WINS YOU NEW FRIENDS, MORE MONEY, NEW SUCCESS, AMAZING NEW PLEASURES.

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NO! I don't care how skinny or flabby you are now, if you're in your teens, twenties, or thirties, I'll show you in just 10 thrilling minutes in your home, how you can make yourself over by the easy, quick method I turned myself from wreck to WORLD CHAMPION.

THIS is AN ACTUAL PHOTO of YOUR TRAINER, George F. Jowett, taken after a record-breaking event, wearing some of his WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS and MEDALS honoring him as "WORLD'S BEST BODY BUILDER." 4 TIMES WINNER OF WORLD'S STRONGEST and MOST PERFECTLY DEVELOPED MAN.

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if you're SKINNY

FREE!

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I'LL CHANGE YOUR FLAB into HANDSOME MUSCLE fast.

"Mary, you know how they used to call me 'MR. SKINNY'. - now they call me 'MR. MUSCLES'!"



"I'm proud of you now, Tony!"

"You wouldn't give me a tumble before I gained 28 lbs."



of grease, and became a MR. AMERICA, A WINNER in ALL SPORTS, Popular, Self-confident." Ernest Raines (signed also by his father and mother)

"I am just 41 years of age. I lost pounds of fat fast. I recommend your wonderful courses to all regardless of age. Soon they'll be as proud as I am of my new body." Paul Lange.



John Sill BEFORE

STOP once for all BEING A WISH-WASHY SKINNY WEAKLING like this 120 lb. pupul was! I GAINED 60 LBS. of MIGHTY MUSCLES! I added 3 1/2 INCHES to each ARM, I added 4 inches to my CHEST . . . and to the rest of my body in BALANCED PROPORTION. I won \$100. I won this 15 INCH TALL SILVER TROPHY. I won a GOLD MEDAL. John Sill

YES! YOU'LL ADD INCHES of MIGHTY MUSCLES to YOUR ARMS, DEEPEN YOUR CHEST, BROADEN YOUR BACK and SHOULDERS. From HEAD to HEELS you'll gain SIZE, POWER, LIGHTNING SPEED, ENDURANCE. You'll become a SUCCESSFUL HE-MAN in LOOKS and ACTS - a WINNER in EVERYTHING, athletics, business, studies.

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SUPERMAN

SUPER-SPEED, FLYING, INVULNERABILITY, SUPER-STRENGTH, X-RAY VISION... THESE ARE BUT A FEW OF THE AMAZING SUPER-POWERS SUPERMAN USES TO PROTECT MANKIND AGAINST ALL DANGERS! BUT WHAT IF, SUDDENLY, THE MAN OF STEEL BECOMES A MAN OF FLESH? WHAT IF THERE IS NO LONGER ANYTHING "SUPER" ABOUT SUPERMAN? HOW CAN AN ORDINARY MAN SAVE HIS LIFE AND THE LIVES OF HIS DEAREST FRIENDS WHEN ONLY SUPER-POWERS CAN DO THE JOB? THAT IS THE HOPELESS PROBLEM WHICH, ONE DAY, CONFRONTS THE MAN OF STEEL...

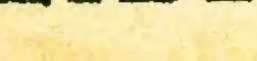
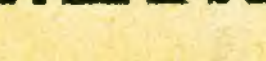
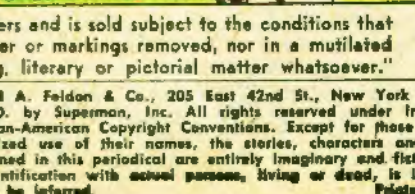
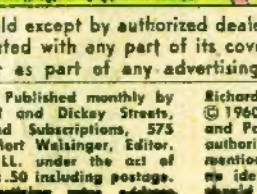
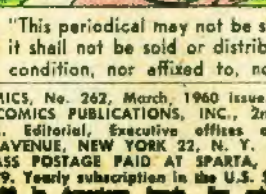
WHEN

**SUPERMAN
LOST
His POWERS!**

"GULP! WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? PERRY, JIMMY AND LOIS DON'T REALIZE I'VE LOST ALL MY SUPER POWERS IN THIS STRANGE WORLD! I'M AN ORDINARY MAN NOW... AS HELPLESS AS THEY ARE TO FIGHT THIS MENACE!"

"GO, SUPERMAN! GO! STOP THAT FLAME-BREATHING MONSTER BEFORE HE DESTROYS US!"

"GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST! WHAT'S SUPERMAN WAITING FOR? WHY DOESN'T HE ATTACK THAT FLYING DRAGON?"



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ONE DAY IN THE MEXICAN JUNGLE, AS PERRY WHITE, EDITOR OF METROPOLIS' DAILY PLANET, SURPRISES THREE OF HIS ACE PLANET REPORTERS, CLARK KENT, LOIS LANE AND JIMMY OLSEN...

GASP!...GOOD GRIEF, CHIEF! WE THOUGHT YOU WERE STILL IN MEXICO CITY, ON YOUR VACATION!

I GOT RESTLESS! THEN THE OFFICE PHONED ME THAT YOU THREE HAD FLOWN HERE TO COVER THE OPENING OF A NEW AZTEC TOMB! SO I CAME TO JOIN YOU!



IT'S GOOD TO ESCAPE FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK OCCASIONALLY! TO FEEL LIKE A YOUNG REPORTER AGAIN, SEEKING ADVENTURE! GANG, ON THIS ASSIGNMENT, JUST CONSIDER ME ONE OF YOU!

OKAY, PERRY! LET'S EXPLORE THAT TOMB!



PRESENTLY, INSIDE THE GLOOMY CRYPT...

GOSH, IT'S REAL SPOOKY IN HERE! IMAGINE! THIS IS THE TOMB OF A GREAT AZTEC KING! HE WAS A CRUEL TYRANT WHO MADE SLAVES OF HIS PEOPLE!

WHAT'RE YOU STARING AT, CLARK?



A WARNING THE GUIDE JUST TRANSLATED! "WHOEVER ENTERS THE KING'S TOMB IS DOOMED TO SPEND TWO DAYS IN A WORLD SO DANGEROUS THAT NO ONE HAS EVER RETURNED FROM IT!"

BUNK! IF YOU'RE AFRAID, CLARK, I'LL HOLD YOUR HAND! C'MON, BOYS! LET'S SEE WHAT'S INSIDE!

NEXT, AS IMPETUOUS LOIS DRAGS CLARK INTO THE FORBIDDEN CHAMBER...

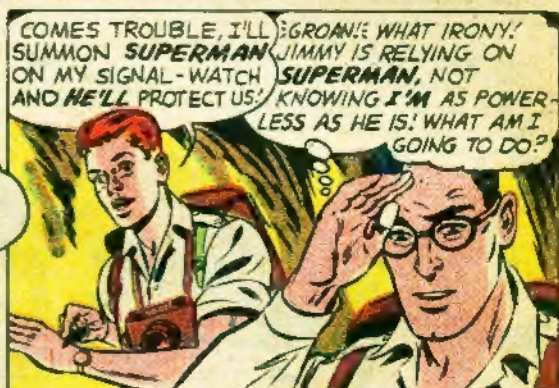
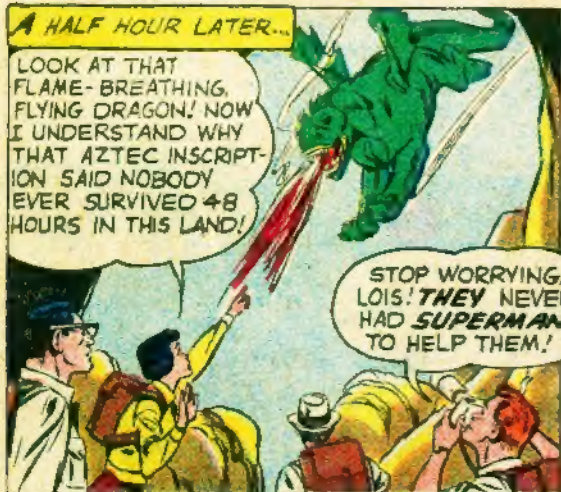
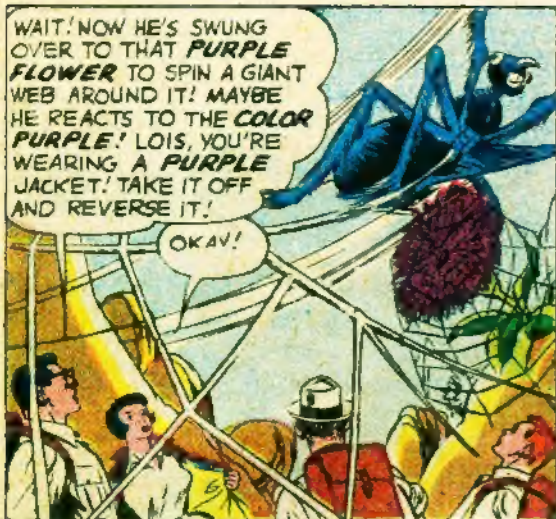
WAIT, LOIS! DON'T BE SO IMPULSIVE! THIS ROOM IS FULL OF EVIL-SMELLING VAPORS!

CLARK'S RIGHT! SCOUGH!...I-I CAN'T BREATHE!

LOOK OUT! GASP!-THE DOOR'S CLOSING BEHIND US!







BUT, A SPLIT-SECOND LATER...

WAIT! I **KNOW** WHAT CAUSED YOUR SUDDEN FEVER, CLARK! JIMMY MENTIONED **SUPERMAN!** FOR YEARS, WHENEVER **SUPERMAN** IS NEEDED, YOU'VE ALWAYS SNEAKED AWAY ON SOME SILLY PRETEXT... ONLY TO REAPPEAR LATER AS **SUPERMAN!**

UH-OH! THERE GOES LOIS' SUSPICIOUS MIND!

YOU'RE NOT ILL! YOU SIMPLY WANT TO BE ALONE SO THAT LATER, WHEN JIMMY USES HIS SIGNAL-WATCH, YOU CAN SWITCH UNSEEN TO **SUPERMAN!**

HMM... THERE'S ONE **GOOD** THING ABOUT THIS SITUATION! I CAN USE IT TO PROTECT MY SECRET IDENTITY!

OKAY, SMARTY! TAKE OUT YOUR MEDICAL KIT!

SEE THAT SWELLING? THAT BEE STING'S GIVEN ME AN INFECTION WHICH IS CAUSING MY FEVER! GIVE ME A SHOT OF PENICILLIN!

HMMMPHH! CLARK PROBABLY USED **SUPER MAKEUP** TO FAKE THAT BUMP! BUT I'LL CALL HIS BLUFF!

THE SLEEVE OF MY UNIFORM IS ROLLED UP UNDER MY JACKET SLEEVE!

NEXT MOMENT, AN HISTORIC OCCASION, AS CLARK'S SKIN PROVES TO BE VULNERABLE...

THE HYPODERMIC NEEDLE DIDN'T BREAK! IT ENTERED HIS ARM!

BUT **NOTHING** CAN PIERCE **SUPERMAN'S** SKIN, LOIS... WHICH PROVES CLARK IS **NOT SUPERMAN!** NOW, JIMMY, SUMMON THE **REAL MAN OF STEEL** ON YOUR SIGNAL WATCH!

OKAY, CHIEF!

BUT AS THE ULTRA-SONIC SIGNAL GOES UNANSWERED...

HMM... I GUESS **SUPERMAN** MUST BE ON SOME MISSION IN OUTER SPACE, WHERE THE SIGNAL DOESN'T REACH!

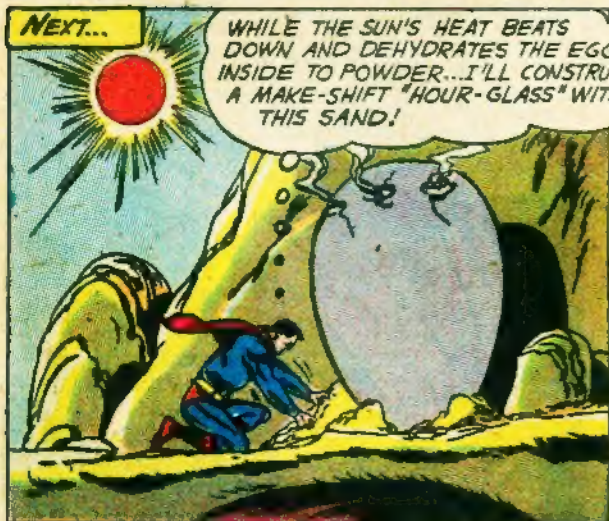
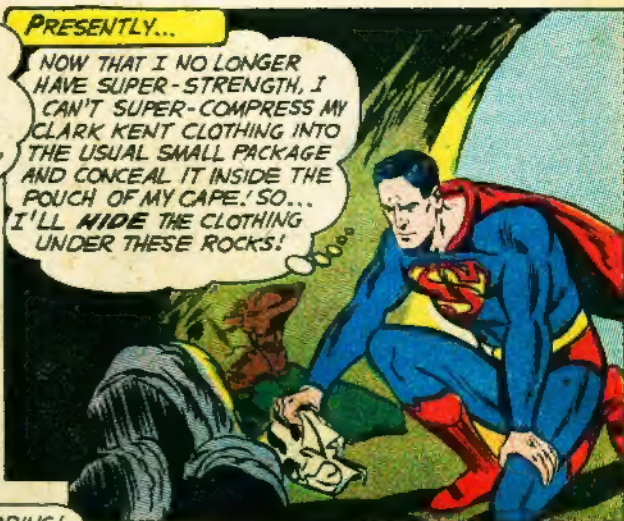
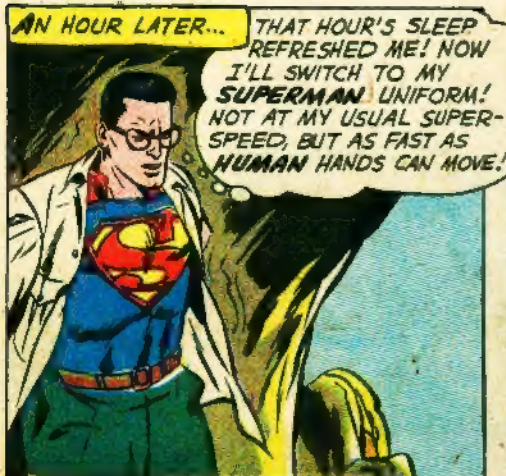
WE'LL TRY IT AGAIN LATER! MEANWHILE, WE'LL CONTINUE EXPLORING WHILE CLARK TAKES IT EASY!

ZEEE! ZEEE!

SHORTLY...

THAT PENICILLIN SHOT MADE ME GROGGY... SO I'D BETTER GET SOME RESTFUL SLEEP IF I'M TO APPEAR LATER AS... **GROAN!**... AN **UN-SUPER SUPERMAN!**

JIMMY! LOOK AT THAT HUGE RAINBOW! IT'S GOT EVERY COLOR EXCEPT PURPLE! RECORD IT ON COLOR FILM!





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FINALLY, ON THE ROCKY TRAIL BELOW...

TURN OFF YOUR SIGNAL WATCH, JIMMY! I'M HERE! SORRY I COULDN'T COME SOONER! I WAS BUSY!

I MUST KEEP STALLING THEM AND STAND HERE TILL THAT EGG TOPPLES!

I - IT'S **SUPERMAN!** ARE WE GLAD TO SEE YOU!



BUT AS THE JUBILANT TRIO RUNS FORWARD...

G-GOOD HEAVENS! THAT BOULDER! IT'S **FALLING ON SUPERMAN!** GET OUT OF THE WAY!

RRR!

DON'T BE SILLY, LOIS! NOTHING CAN KILL **SUPERMAN!**

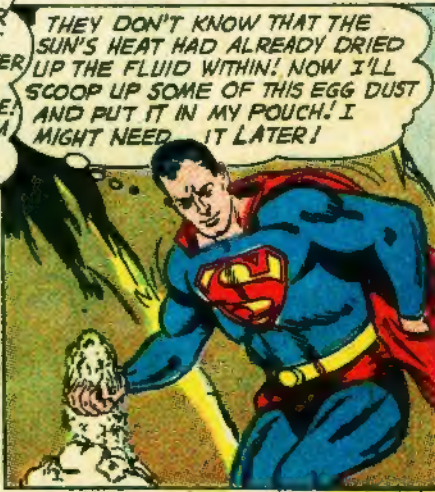


GOLLY! **SUPERMAN'S INVULNERABLE BODY** REDUCED THAT HUGE BOULDER TO DUST!

CRUMPPPP!

JUST AS I PLANNED! THEY MISTOOK THE HUGE GREY EGG FOR A BOULDER! AND IT TOPPLED OVER AFTER ENOUGH SAND RAN THROUGH THE HOLE! NOW THEY THINK I'M **REALLY SUPER!**

THEY DON'T KNOW THAT THE SUN'S HEAT HAD ALREADY DRIED UP THE FLUID WITHIN! NOW I'LL SCOOP UP SOME OF THIS EGG DUST AND PUT IT IN MY POUCH! I MIGHT NEED IT LATER!



SOON...

OKAY, **SUPERMAN**... NOW FLY US OUT OF HERE! THIS PLACE IS DANGEROUS!

GOSH, I HAVEN'T THE POWER TO DO THAT! I MUST GIVE THEM A GOOD EXCUSE, OR THEY'LL SUSPECT SOMETHING'S WRONG!

ER...WHY NOT **STAY** THE 48 HOURS, PERRY? I'LL PROTECT YOU AND YOU'LL RETURN TO EARTH WITH A SENSATIONAL SCOOP!

SURE, PERRY! WHAT'VE WE GOT TO LOSE? **SUPERMAN'LL** FIGHT OFF ANY MENACE! ALL WE GET IS... **SUN-BURNED!**

WOW! MY SKIN, BEING ORDINARY NOW, CAN TAN, TOO! I'LL HAVE TO STICK TO THE SHADE BECAUSE SUPERMAN'S SKIN IS NEVER AFFECTED BY SUN!





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THAT NIGHT, AS CANS FROM THE KNAPSACKS ARE OPENED FOR SUPPER...

SUPERMAN: DON'T LEAVE, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
SUPERMAN: THAT FIRE-BREATHING DRAGON MAY BE NEARBY!

EXACTLY WHY I WANT TO FLY AROUND AND SCOUT THE AREA, LOIS!-- TO PROTECT YOU!

BUT WHEN AN HOUR PASSES...

THERE IT IS! THE DRAGON! THE SMELL OF OUR FOOD MUST'VE ATTRACTED IT!

RELAX, LOIS! I SEE SOMETHING ELSE! **SUPERMAN!** HE'S FLYING TO INTERCEPT THE WINGED MONSTER!

HOW CAN THIS BE? HOW CAN **SUPERMAN** SUDDENLY FLY?

IS IT AN ILLUSION? WE KNOW THAT **SUPERMAN** HAS LOST ALL HIS SUPER-POWERS IN THIS STRANGE WORLD! YET HE IS FLYING! AND AS HE SWOOPS DOWN ON THE DRAGON...

GRROOWRR!

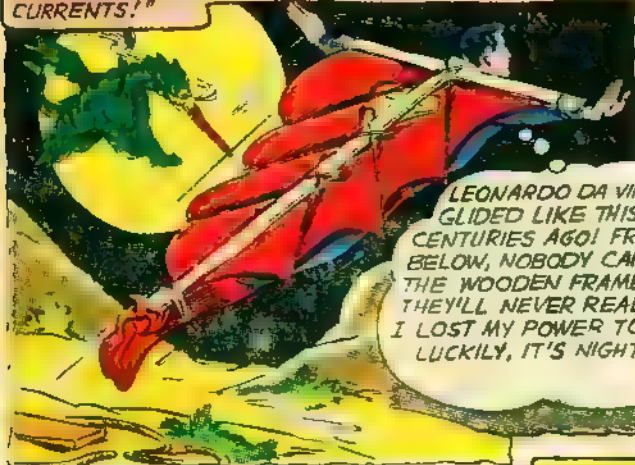
NOW I'LL USE THE DEHYDRATED EGG DUST I PUT IN MY POUCH... AND FLING IT LIKE PEPPER INTO THE MONSTER'S EYES, TEMPORARILY BLINDING HIM!

LOOK! THE DRAGON IS FLEEING! LEAVE IT TO **SUPERMAN!** HE'S TOO TOUGH FOR ANY CREATURE!

IT'S A GOOD THING I FIGURED OUT A WAY TO FLY IN TIME TO ROUT THAT BEAST!

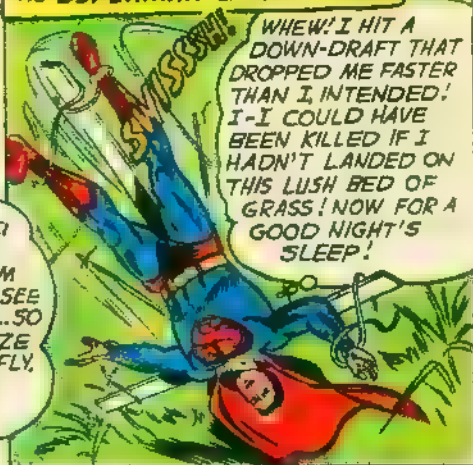
I KNEW EVENTUALLY I'D HAVE TO MEET THAT DRAGON! SO WHEN I ENTERED THE FOREST, I USED VINES TO LASH TOGETHER LOOSE PIECES OF BALSAM-WOOD AND FASTENED THEM TO MY BODY!

"WHEN THE DRAGON SHOWED UP, I LAUNCHED MYSELF FROM A CLIFF-TOP LIKE A GLIDER RIDING THE AIR CURRENTS!"



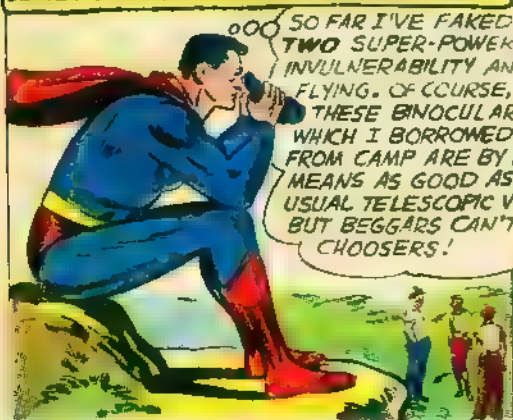
LEONARDO DA VINCI GLIDED LIKE THIS, CENTURIES AGO! FROM BELOW, NOBODY CAN SEE THE WOODEN FRAME...SO THEY'LL NEVER REALIZE I LOST MY POWER TO FLY. LUCKILY, IT'S NIGHT!

As SUPERMAN CRASH-LANDS...



WHEW! I HIT A DOWN-DRAFT THAT DROPPED ME FASTER THAN I INTENDED! I-I COULD HAVE BEEN KILLED IF I HADN'T LANDED ON THIS LUSH BED OF GRASS! NOW FOR A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP!

THE FOLLOWING MORNING, AS SUPERMAN LEAVES CAMP ON ANOTHER "SCOUTING" TRIP...

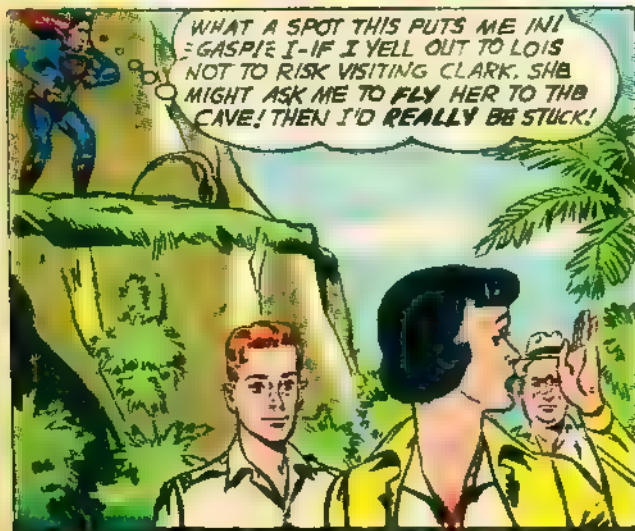


SO FAR I'VE FAKED TWO SUPER-POWERS: INVULNERABILITY AND FLYING. OF COURSE, THESE BINOCULARS WHICH I BORROWED FROM CAMP ARE BY NO MEANS AS GOOD AS MY USUAL TELESCOPIC VISION! BUT BEGGARS CAN'T BE CHOOSERS!

UNEXPECTEDLY, AS SUPERMAN CHECKS THE CAMP SITE...



UH-OH! THANK GOODNESS I STILL POSSESS MY POWER OF READING LIPS! LOIS IS SAYING SHE'S GOING TO RETURN TO THE CAVE TO SEE IF CLARK FEELS BETTER!



WHAT A SPOT THIS PUTS ME IN! GASPE! I-IF I YELL OUT TO LOIS NOT TO RISK VISITING CLARK, SHE MIGHT ASK ME TO FLY HER TO THE CAVE! THEN I'D REALLY BE STUCK!

HOWEVER, IF LOIS DOESN'T FIND CLARK AT THE CAVE, SHE'LL GET SUSPICIOUS AGAIN! BUT HOW CAN I REACH THE CAVE BEFORE LOIS DOES, WHEN I CAN'T TRAVEL FAST AND SHE HAS A HEAD-START? BOY, HOW I WISH I HAD SUPER-SPEED NOW!

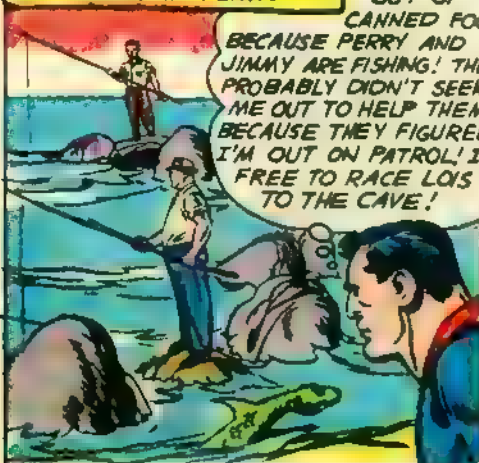




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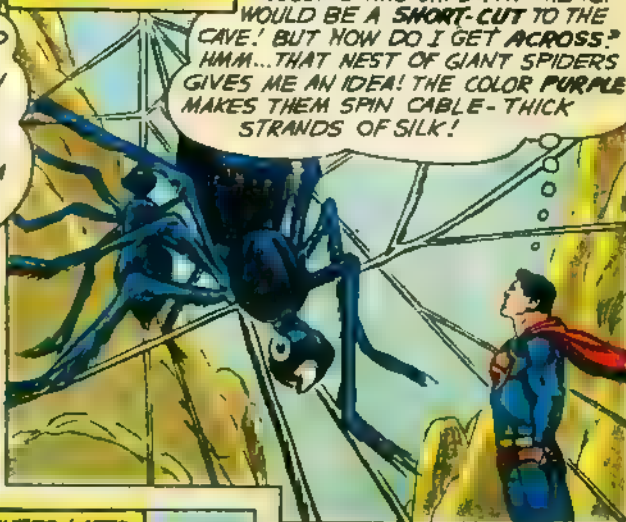


PRESENTLY, ABOVE THE COLD SALT WATER OF A BAY...



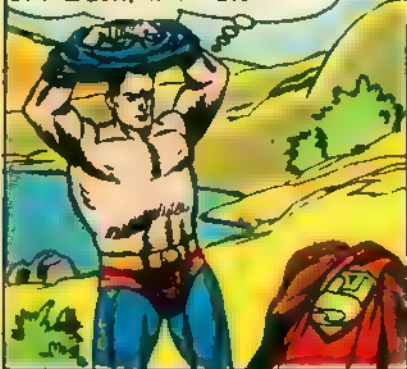
WE MUST BE OUT OF CANNED FOOD BECAUSE PERRY AND JIMMY ARE FISHING! THEY PROBABLY DIDN'T SEEK ME OUT TO HELP THEM, BECAUSE THEY FIGURED I'M OUT ON PATROL! I'M FREE TO RACE LOIS TO THE CAVE!

SOON, INLAND...



CROSSING THIS CHASM AT THE TOP WOULD BE A **SHORT-CUT** TO THE CAVE! BUT HOW DO I GET ACROSS? HMM...THAT NEST OF GIANT SPIDERS GIVES ME AN IDEA! THE COLOR PURPLE MAKES THEM SPIN CABLE-THICK STRANDS OF SILK!

SINCE MY UNIFORM BECAME ORDINARY CLOTH IN THIS DIMENSION, THEIR DYE COLORS, WHEN SOAKED IN THIS WARM LAKE WATER HEATED BY THE SUN, MAY RUN!

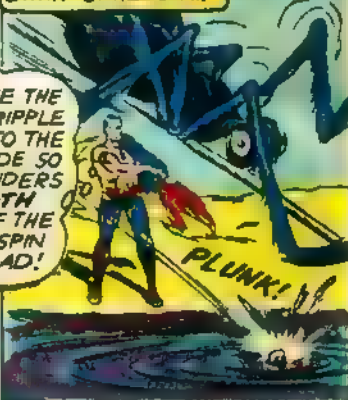


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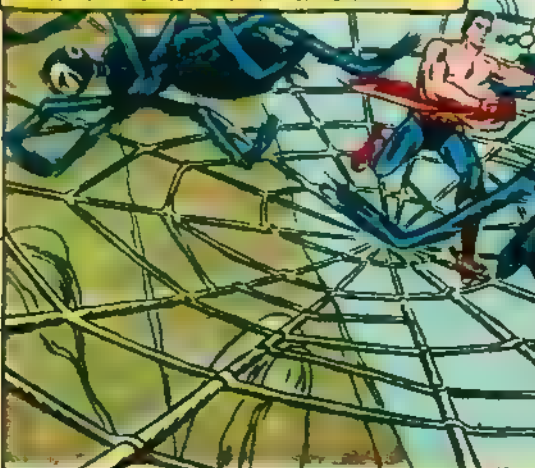
WHAT LUCK! THEY ARE RUNNING! THE COLORS RED AND BLUE ARE COMBINING TO MAKE...PURPLE!



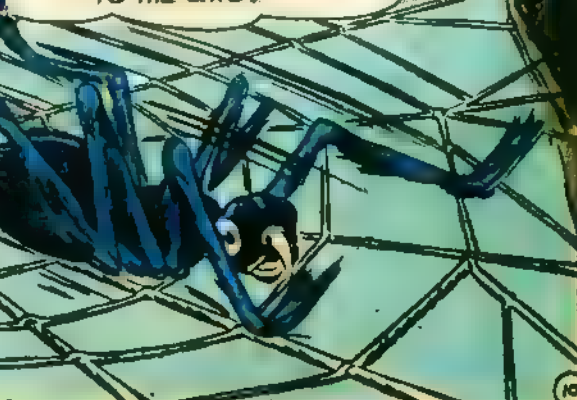
AS THE PURPLE STAIN SPREADS...



SHORTLY, AS THE SPIDERS BRIDGE THE CHASM WITH THICK, ROPE-LIKE WEBBING...



NOW I CAN LEAP-FROG TO THE OTHER SIDE...SPRINGING FROM ONE WEB TO ANOTHER! IT'S HARDLY **'SUPER-SPEED'** BUT AT LEAST, I'LL HAVE BEATEN LOIS TO THE CAVE!





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THUS, WHEN LOIS ARRIVES, CLARK IS WAITING FOR HER!

HI, LOIS! PARDON ME WHILE I SHAVE!

I NOTICED IN THIS SMOOTH ROCK THAT A STUBBLE WAS GROWING ON SUPERMAN'S CHIN!



HM MM...

SUPERMAN DOESN'T SHAVE BECAUSE HIS HAIR DOESN'T GROW... AND IT'S INDESTRUCTIBLE! CLARK CAN'T BE SUPERMAN!

AS LOIS TAKES A SCISSORS FROM HER MEDICAL KIT...

I MUST DO THIS, CLARK! SAVING A LOCK OF YOUR HAIR WILL ALWAYS REMIND ME NEVER AGAIN TO SUSPECT YOU OF BEING SUPERMAN!

BE MY GUEST!

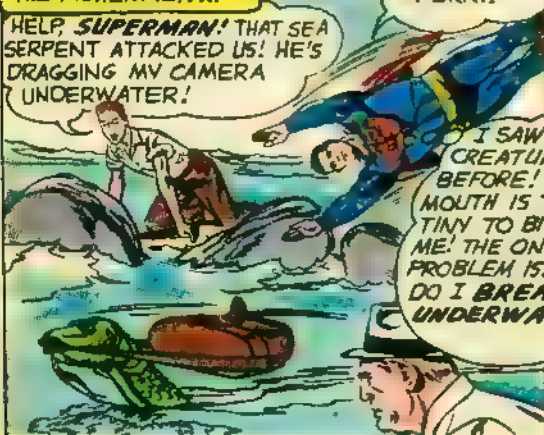
SNIP!



LATER, AS SUPERMAN REJOINS THE FISHERMEN...

HELP, SUPERMAN! THAT SEA SERPENT ATTACKED US! HE'S DRAGGING MY CAMERA UNDERWATER!

I'LL GET IT, PERRY!



I SAW THAT CREATURE BEFORE! ITS MOUTH IS TOO TINY TO BITE ME! THE ONLY PROBLEM IS... HOW DO I BREATHE UNDERWATER?

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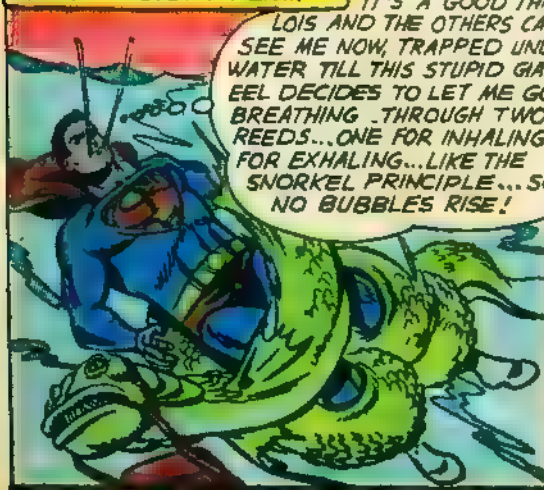
DO YOU THINK SUPERMAN IS ALL RIGHT?

ARE YOU KIDDING? THAT'S SUPERMAN! HE CAN TACKLE AN OCEAN FULL OF SEA SERPENTS! SUPERMAN CAN LIVE FOR YEARS UNDERWATER!

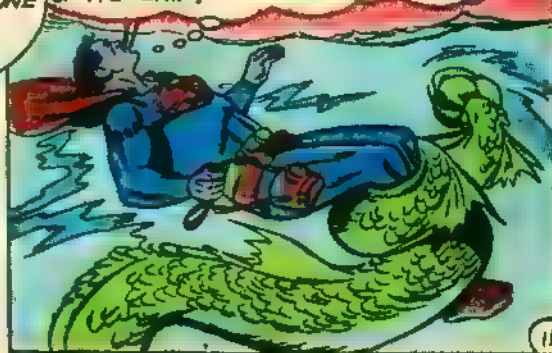


THIRTY MINUTES LATER...

IT'S A GOOD THING LOIS AND THE OTHERS CAN'T SEE ME NOW, TRAPPED UNDERWATER! TILL THIS STUPID GIANT EEL DECIDES TO LET ME GO. I'M BREATHING THROUGH TWO REEDS... ONE FOR INHALING, ONE FOR EXHALING... LIKE THE SNORKEL PRINCIPLE... SO NO BUBBLES RISE!



I FIGURED THE COLORS OF MY UNIFORM WOULDN'T RUN IN THIS COLD, SALT WATER... AND IT HASN'T! HO-HUM! NOTHING TO DO NOW BUT WAIT FOR THE CREATURE TO SWIM OFF AND LET ME SURFACE! I HAVEN'T THE STRENGTH TO GET OUT OF ITS GRIP!



FINALLY, AS THE EEL TRIES AND LETS GO...

ER...
GOOD HEAVENS, EXPLORING **SUPERMAN!** UNDERWATER, WHERE **WERE** YOU?
PERRY! THIS DIMENSION HAS VERY INTERESTING MARINE LIFE!

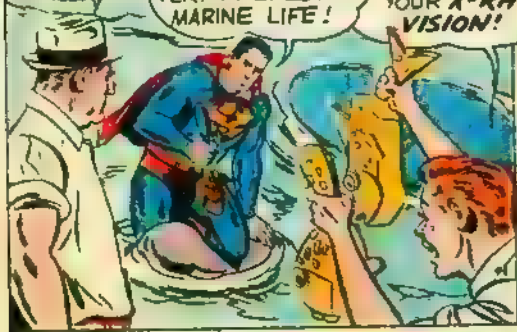
I'LL SAY! DIG THESE CRAZY FISH WE CAUGHT! BECAUSE WE HAVE NO MATCHES, WE'RE COOKING 'EM TONIGHT WITH YOUR **X-RAY VISION!**

LATER...

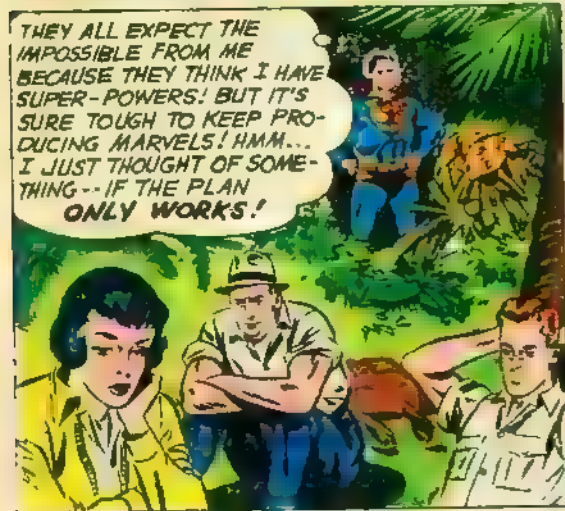
I COULD MAKE A FIRE BY RUBBING TWO STICKS TOGETHER! BUT WHY BOTHER WITH YOU AROUND, EH, **SUPERMAN?**

RIGHT, JIMMY! I'LL FR' THE FISH WHILE YOU REST UP!

HOLY SMOKES! **ANOTHER PROBLEM!** HOW DO I FAKE HAVING **X-RAY VISION?**

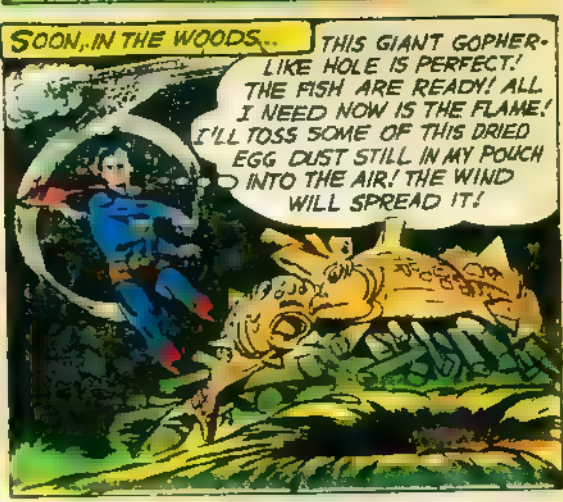


THEY ALL EXPECT THE IMPOSSIBLE FROM ME BECAUSE THEY THINK I HAVE SUPER-POWERS! BUT IT'S SURE TOUGH TO KEEP PRODUCING MARVELS! HMM... I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING-- IF THE PLAN **ONLY WORKS!**



SOON, IN THE WOODS...

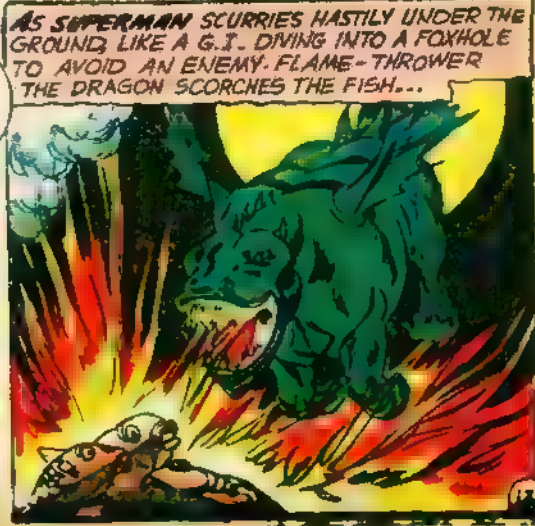
THIS GIANT GOPHER-LIKE HOLE IS PERFECT! THE FISH ARE READY! ALL I NEED NOW IS THE FLAME! I'LL TOSS SOME OF THIS DRIED EGG DUST STILL IN MY POUCH INTO THE AIR! THE WIND WILL SPREAD IT!



SHORTLY...

I KNEW IT! THE MOTHER DRAGON PICKED UP THE SCENT OF THAT EGG DUST! SEEKING REVENGE ON WHOEVER DESTROYED HER EGG, SHE TRACKED IT BACK TO ME! GOPHER HOLE... HERE I COME!

AS **SUPERMAN** SCURRIES HASTILY UNDER THE GROUND LIKE A G.I. DIVING INTO A FOXHOLE TO AVOID AN ENEMY FLAME-THROWER THE DRAGON SCORCHES THE FISH...





AFTER THE DRAGON FLIES AWAY, AND SUPERMAN EMERGES FROM COVER...

SOUP'S ON, FOLKS! AND WHILE YOU'RE EATING, I'LL FETCH CLARK!

MMM... THAT FOOD SMELLS GOOD! YOUR POWER OF X-RAY VISION IS AMAZING, **SUPERMAN!** NO ORDINARY MORTAL COULD'VE COOKED A MESS OF FISH SO QUICKLY!

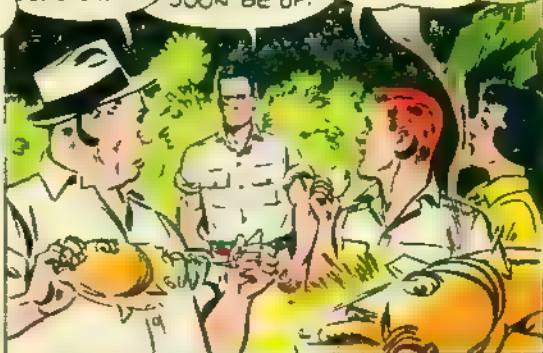


LATER...

WHAT TOOK SO LONG, CLARK? WHERE'S **SUPERMAN?**

HE. ER...HAD TO TAKE OFF TO HANDLE AN EMERGENCY! BUT THE 48 HOURS WILL SOON BE UP:

RIGHT! WE'LL FALL ASLEEP HERE AND WAKE UP IN **MEXICO!** AND WHAT A STORY WE'LL BRING BACK!



BUT THE "NEXT MORNING"...

SENOR, YOU WERE **NOT** GONE TWO DAYS! ONLY **TWO MINUTES!** YOU MUST'VE **DREAMED** THIS ADVENTURE.

! GASPIE!...GANG, WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO PROVE W-WE **DIDN'T!** THE WATER PENETRATED MY WATER-PROOF CAMERA AND RUINED THE FILMED EVIDENCE!



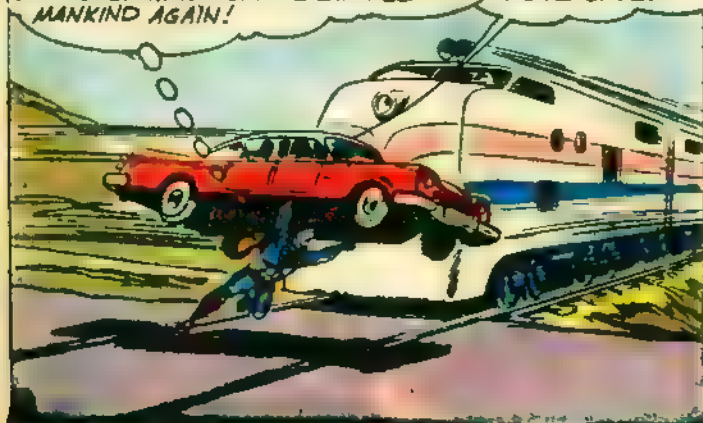
BUT THE NEXT DAY, IN METROPOLIS, ONE ADVENTURER IS OVERJOYED

I WHO CAN SAY WHAT **REALLY** HAPPENED TO US? WHO CARES IF WE ONLY DREAMED IT? I'VE GOT ALL MY **SUPER-POWERS** BACK! MY UNIFORM IS INDESTRUCTIBLE AGAIN! IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING ONCE MORE!



MAYBE WE WERE JUST BRIEF VICTIMS OF SOME ANCIENT MAGIC SPELL...ALL DREAMING THE SAME DREAM! SO WHAT? I'M **SUPERMAN** AGAIN! I CAN HELP MANKIND AGAIN!

SUPERMAN'S PUSHING OUR STALLED CAR OFF THE TRACKS! WE'RE SAVED!



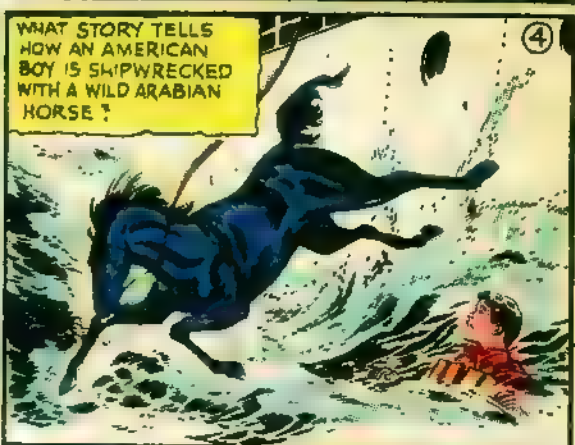
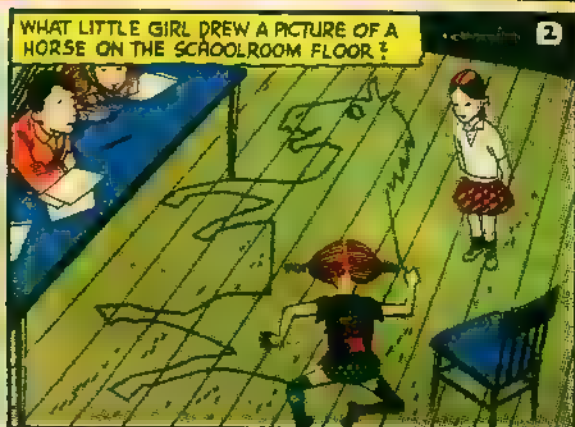
BUT LATER, AT THE PLANET...

CLARK, THAT LOCK OF YOUR HAIR! I CAN'T CUT IT NOW! IT'S LIKE **STEEL!** BUT ONLY **SUPERMAN** HAS INDESTRUCTIBLE HAIR! SO HOW COULD THIS BE **YOUR** HAIR?... DARN **SUPERMAN'S** SECRET IDENTITY, ANYWAY! I'M MORE CONFUSED THAN **EVER** NOW!



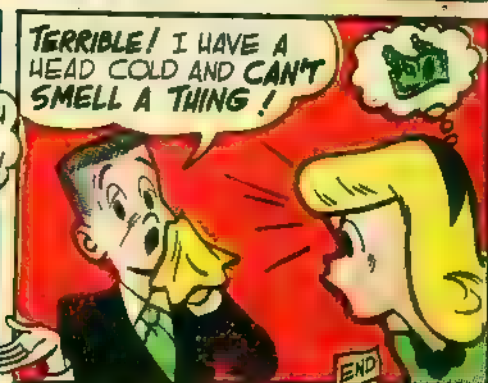
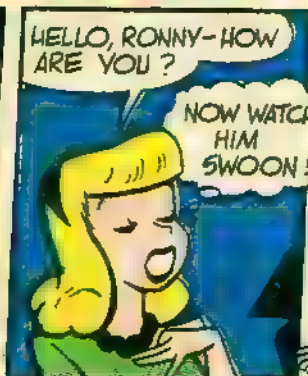
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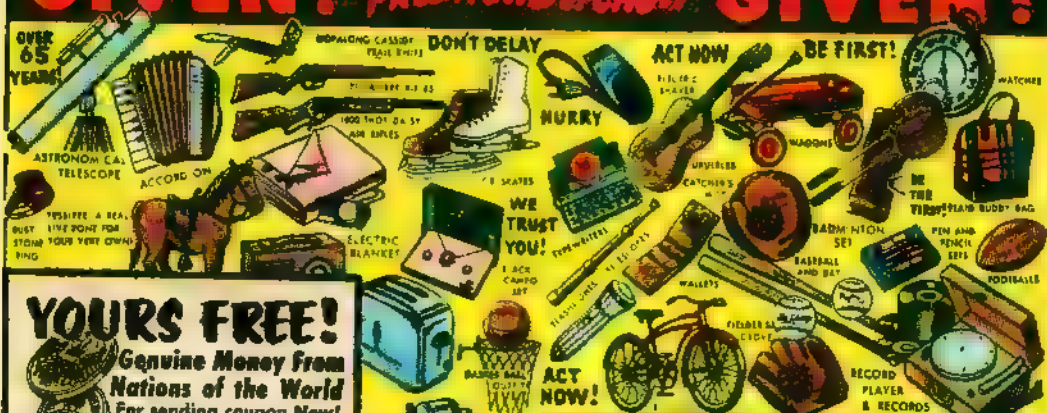
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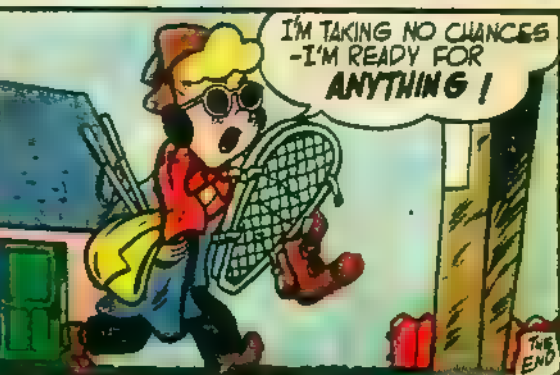
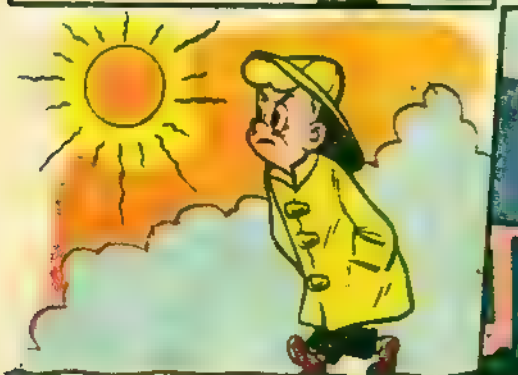
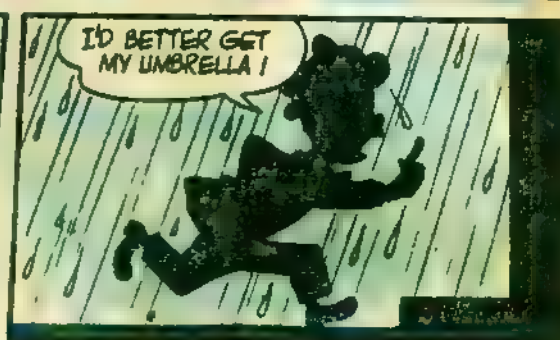
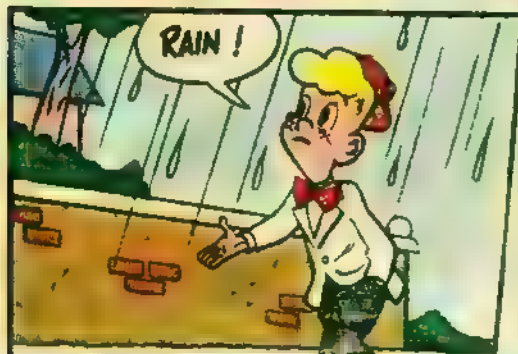
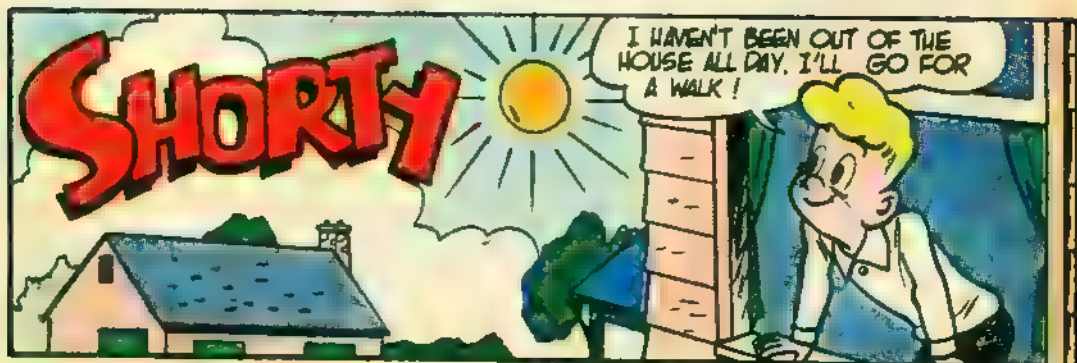
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METROPOLIS MAILBAG



Dear Editor:

How did Luthor get his name, and what is his origin? —Steven Paskal, Flushing, N. Y.

(Luthor's full name is Lex Luthor. Oddly enough, his initials are LL, like those of Lois Lane, Lana Lang, Linda Lee and Lori Lemaris. As a teen-ager, young Luthor was once a good friend of Superboy's. For the complete story of his origin, see the April issue of ADVENTURE COMICS. —Ed.)

Dear Editor:

I enjoy all your SUPERGIRL stories. But I often wonder why isn't Linda (SUPERGIRL) Lee missed at the orphanage when she is out on an adventure. —Jay Cantale, Baltimore, Md. (SUPERGIRL often uses a Linda Lee robot to pinch-hit for her when she is away on a mission. See the last page of the SUPERGIRL story in this issue. —Ed.)

Dear Editor:

I am just recovering from rheumatic fever. During my convalescence I read one of your magazines. I've been reading them ever since. Your magazine is so super that I hardly miss an issue of the Superman Comics family. —A true fan, Jeannine Russo, Liberty N. Y.

Dear Editor:

Could you please tell me when SUPERGIRL will let the world know that she exists?

—Tom Kent, Costa Mesa, Calif.

As has been explained in several stories, SUPERGIRL must remain unknown to the world so that she can serve as SUPERMAN's secret weapon if an emergency ever takes place. But don't give up, several surprises are in store for SUPERGIRL fans. —Ed.)

Dear Editor:

What ever happened to the BIZARRO-Superman and the BIZARRO-Lois Lane who left Earth together after their last adventure with SUPERMAN? My friends and I would love to see a sequel featuring the return of these pathetic non-human creatures who are grotesque imitations of Superman and Lois Lane.

—Bill Hall, Drayton Plains, Mich.

(Tip off your friends to get the next issue of ACTION COMICS. It features one of the most sensational stories we have ever published—"The World of BIZARROS." —Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Is it true that you plan to publish a giant "Superman Annual Issue" which will sell for 25 cents and feature many of the best stories you have printed in the past? If so, will it feature stories about Krypto, Jimmy Olsen, Superbaby, Jor-El, Mr. Mxyzptlk, etc.?

—Gordon Gates, Chicago, Ill.

(Yes. Such a project is in the works. Readers can help us by sending us a postcard listing the stories they would like to see reprinted. Mail all postcards to: SUPERMAN ANNUAL ISSUE, 575 Lexington Avenue, New York 22, N. Y. Be sure to supply your name and address so that we can notify you when this giant annual will be on sale. —Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Just a line to let you know how much I enjoy the adventures of Congo Bill ever since you gave him the magic ring which enables him to switch bodies with the golden ape, CONGORILLA.

—Ruth Fell, Passaic, N. J.

(Thanks for the kind words. Don't fret, though, because there is no CONGORILLA story in this issue. Inasmuch as we have expanded SUPERGIRL into a full-length feature, we have given CONGORILLA a new home in our companion magazine, ADVENTURE COMICS. You'll find the golden ape up to his usual jungle tricks in the March issue of ADVENTURE. —Ed.)

Dear Editor:

In a recent issue a boy suggested Clark Kent adopt SUPERGIRL. You replied: "But who would be Supergirl's foster mother?" Kelly, on the TV show, "Bachelor Father," doesn't have a mother, her uncle works, and Kelly is in school almost all day. If Kelly can do this, why can't Linda (Supergirl) Lee do it too?

—Barbara Jean Petraitis, Bethlehem, Pa.

(It's quite okay for an uncle to adopt his niece, as in "Bachelor Father." And the courts would permit Clark Kent to adopt Linda if he could establish that she was his cousin. But in order to prove that Linda was related to him, it would mean giving away the fact that they are secretly Superman and Supergirl. So this solution is not practical. —Ed.)

Dear Editor:

I found quite a few goofs in "The Cave Girl of Steel." You show a Dimetrodon co-existing with a Ceratosaurus and a Brontosaurus. The Dimetrodon lived 190 million years ago, and the other beasts lived 125 million years ago. Also, pterosaurs couldn't pick themselves up and fly. They glided along off high spots like cliffs. And you stated that the Brontosaurus was the longest dinosaur. Actually, the longest was Diplodocus, which was 37 feet long. Your writers have good imaginations, but they're rotten historians.

—Robert Fried, Whitestone, N. Y.

Dear Editor:

I am sick of readers who always find little boo-boos and flaws. Readers should be praising you instead of heckling you. The fine stories you give us for a dime are wonderful. Keep up the good work. —Dennis Fowler, Sioux City, Iowa

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SUPERGIRL

"GASP!...I'M TOO WEAK TO EVEN CRAWL AWAY FROM THE KRYPTONITE METEOR! BUT MY TELESCOPIC VISION SHOWS THAT SUPERGIRL STILL HAS HER SUPER-STRENGTH NEAR THAT OTHER KRYPTONITE METEOR! HOW DID SHE...UH...GAIN IMMUNITY?"

BULLETS!...FLAMES!...EXPLOSIONS!...NONE OF THESE VIOLENT FORCES CAN HARM SUPERGIRL! LIKE HER FAMOUS COUSIN, SUPERMAN, THE GIRL OF STEEL IS INVULNERABLE TO ALL FORMS OF DESTRUCTION EXCEPT ONE... KRYPTONITE RADIATIONS! SUPERMAN HAS NEVER FOUND ANY ANTIDOTE TO THIS GREEN-GLOWING RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCE THAT CAN WIPE OUT HIS SUPER-POWERS AND BRING HIM DEATH! BUT AMAZINGLY, ONE DAY, SUPERGIRL SEEMS TO WIN THE BATTLE AGAINST THEIR COMMON NEMESIS KRYPTONITE IN...

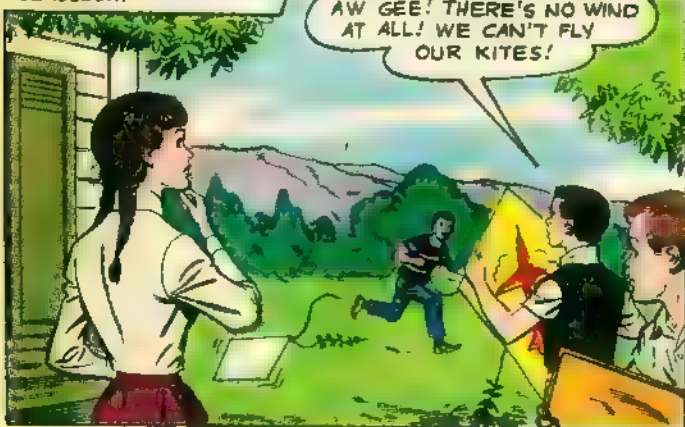
SUPERGIRL'S GREATEST VICTORY!



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AT MIDVALE ORPHANAGE ONE DAY, DURING RECESS FROM CLASSES...



AW GEE! THERE'S NO WIND AT ALL! WE CAN'T FLY OUR KITES!

BUT LINDA LEE, WHO IS SECRETLY SUPERGIRL, CHANGES THAT!

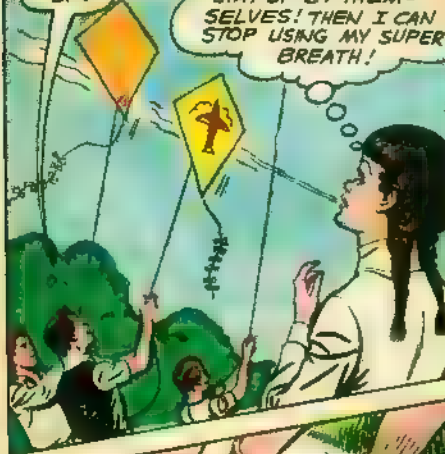
HMM... I'LL USE A BIG GUST OF MY SUPER-BREATH!



TO THE BOYS, IT SEEMS LIKE A "LUCKY BREAK"!

OH, BOY! A NICE BREEZE CAME UP!

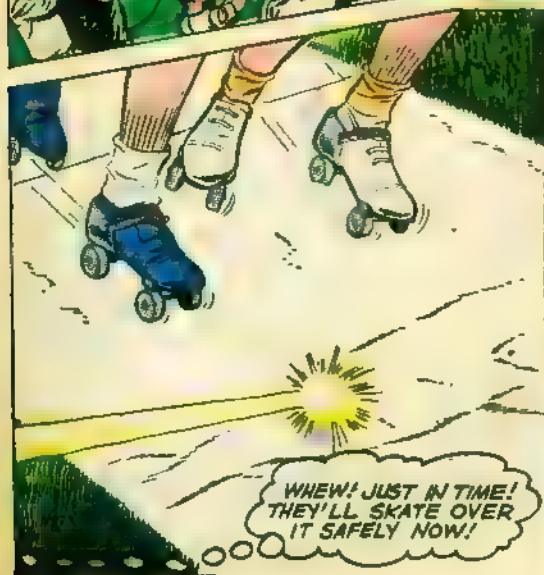
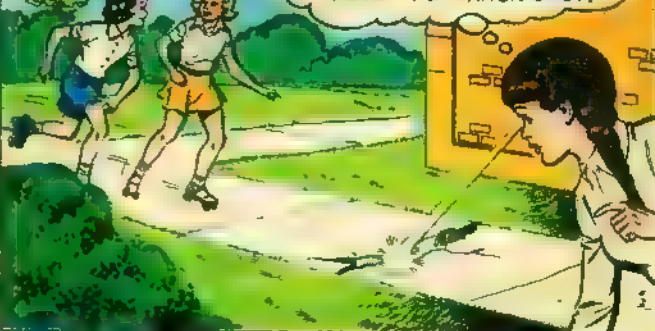
WHEN THE KITES CATCH UPPER AIR-CURRENTS, THEY'LL STAY UP BY THEMSELVES! THEN I CAN STOP USING MY SUPER-BREATH!



LATER, AS SOME GIRLS ARE ROLLER-SKATING...

LET'S RACE!

GOODNESS! A CRACK OPENED IN THE SIDEWALK LAST NIGHT! THE GIRLS DON'T SEE IT! THEY'LL HAVE A NASTY SPILL UNLESS I QUICKLY USE THE HEAT OF MY X-RAY VISION TO FUSE THE CRACK SHUT!



WHEW! JUST IN TIME! THEY'LL SKATE OVER IT SAFELY NOW!

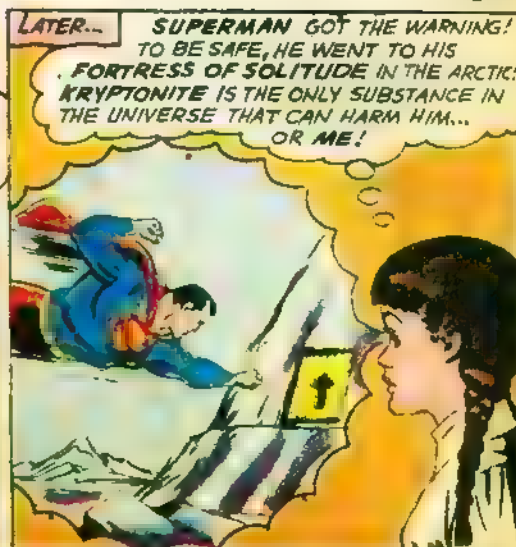
LATER, AS THE HEADMASTER AND HIS AIDE COME OUT...

EVERYTHING ALWAYS GOES SO SMOOTHLY FOR THE CHILDREN, MISS HART! NO DISAPPOINTMENTS, NO BRUISES, NO TROUBLES! YOU'D ALMOST THINK SOME... ER... GOOD FAIRY WATCHES OVER OUR ORPHANAGE!





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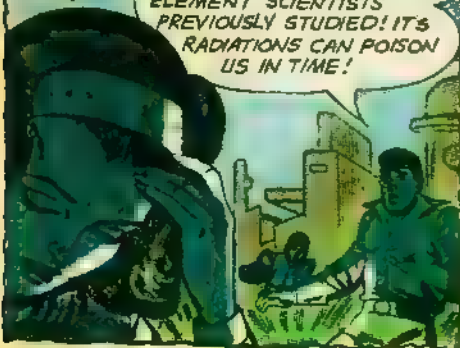
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"BUT THOUGH THEY HAD AIR TO BREATHE, THEY STILL SEEMED DOOMED!"

OHH... I FEEL WEAK!

GREAT STARS! THE GROUND HAS TURNED TO GREEN KRYPTONITE, THE GLOWING ELEMENT SCIENTISTS PREVIOUSLY STUDIED! ITS RADIATIONS CAN POISON US IN TIME!



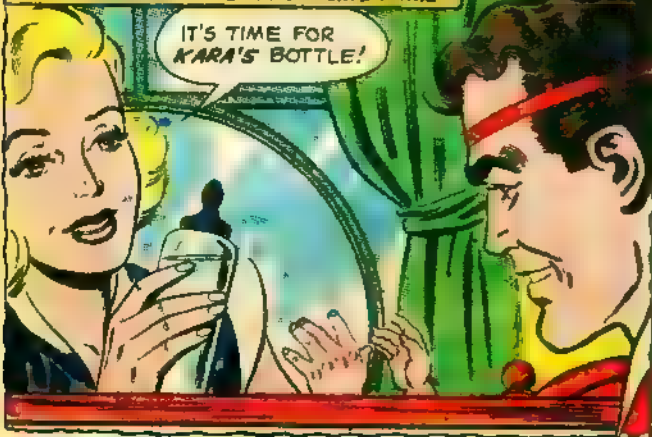
"FORTUNATELY A SCIENTIST NAMED ZOR-EL HAD SOMETHING IN HIS LABORATORY WHICH COULD STOP ALL RADIATIONS..."

HURRY! COVER ALL THE BARE GROUND AROUND OUR HOMES WITH THIS LEAD FOIL I KEPT ON HAND FOR RADIATION EXPERIMENTS! IT WILL CUT OFF THE KRYPTONITE RADIATIONS AND LET US SURVIVE!



"LIFE SETTLED DOWN FOR THE KRYPTON REFUGEES AND, SOME YEARS LATER, ZOR-EL AND HIS WIFE HAD A BABY DAUGHTER... ME!"

IT'S TIME FOR KARA'S BOTTLE!

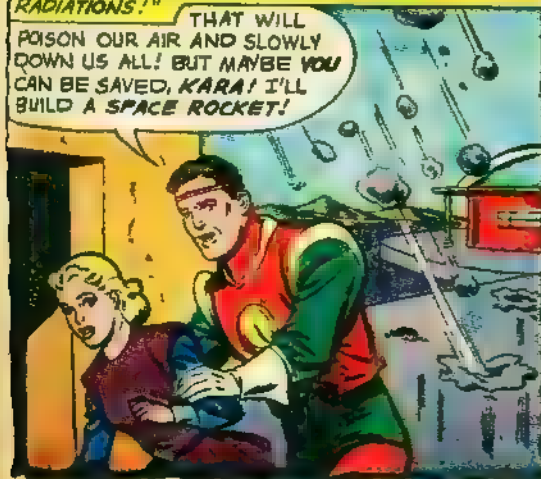


BUT THAT WAS SEVERAL YEARS AFTER BABY-SUPERMAN'S ROCKET REACHED EARTH! SUPERBOY WAS ALREADY GROWING UP IN SMALLVILLE! THAT'S WHY I'M YOUNGER THAN MY COUSIN! NOW I'LL GO BACK TO MY DIARY...



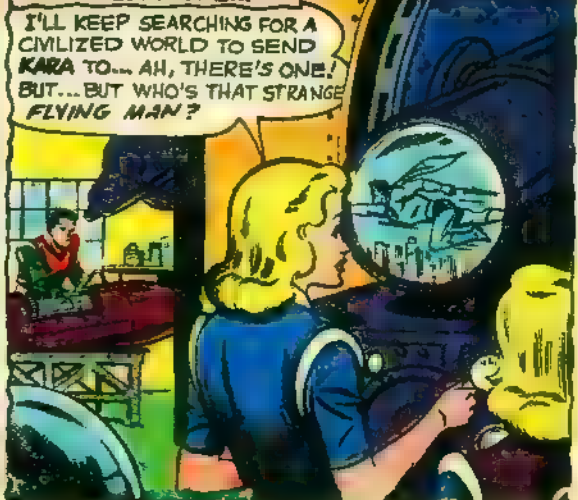
"I GREW INTO GIRLHOOD, BUT ONE DAY A METEOR FLOCK FELL AND SMASHED HOLES IN OUR LEADEN SHIELD, RELEASING KRYPTONITE RADIATIONS!"

THAT WILL POISON OUR AIR AND SLOWLY DOWN US ALL! BUT MAYBE YOU CAN BE SAVED, KARA! I'LL BUILD A SPACE ROCKET!



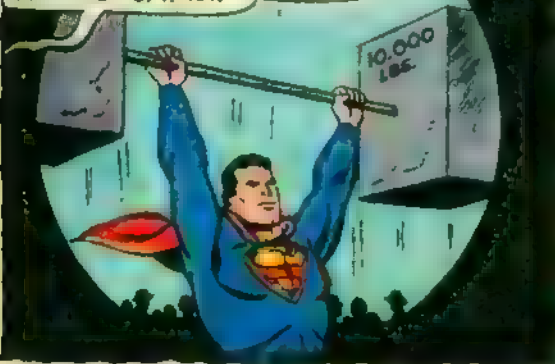
"MY MOTHER AIDED HIS PLAN BY USING A SUPER-SPACE TELESCOPE..."

I'LL KEEP SEARCHING FOR A CIVILIZED WORLD TO SEND KARA TO... AH, THERE'S ONE! BUT... BUT WHO'S THAT STRANGE FLYING MAN?



"USING OUR HYPER-RADIO, MY MOTHER AND I LEARNED THEIR LANGUAGE AND FOUND OUT ALL ABOUT EARTH'S SUPER-HERO!"

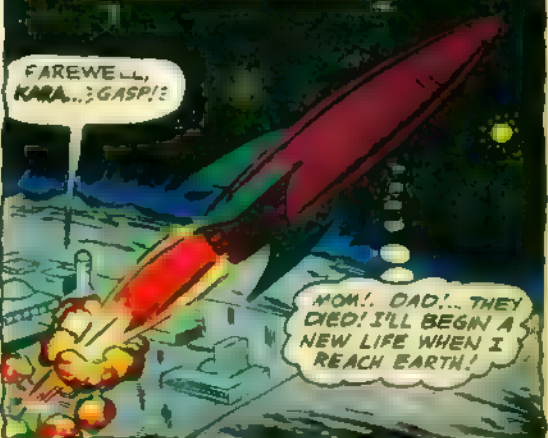
SUPERMAN
CAME FROM KRYPTON AND HIS FATHER JOR-EL WAS THE BROTHER OF ZOR-EL, YOUR FATHER! YOU AND SUPERMAN ARE COUSINS, KARA!



"WHEN THE KRYPTONITE DOOM FINALLY STRUCK, MY ROCKET WAS SAFELY LAUNCHED!"

FAREWELL, KARA... GASP!

MOM! DAD!... THEY DIED! I'LL BEGIN A NEW LIFE WHEN I REACH EARTH!



"THEN, WHILE ON HIS REGULAR PATROL, SUPERMAN SIGHTED MY ARRIVAL ON EARTH..."

GREAT SCOTT! A YOUNG GIRL... UNHARMED!

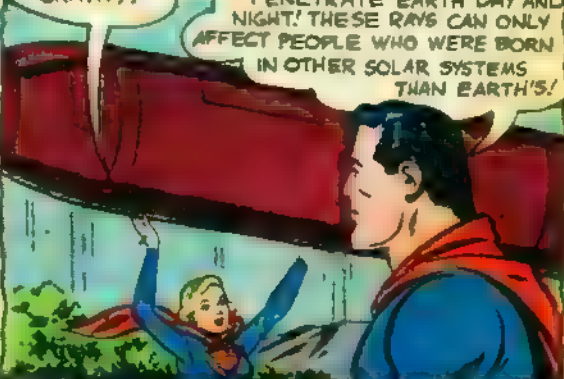
I'M INVULNERABLE ON EARTH, LIKE YOU! MY MOTHER MADE ME A COSTUME LIKE YOURS BECAUSE I'M YOUR COUSIN FROM KRYPTON!



"AFTER I TOLD MY FULL STORY, I FOUND MY NEW SUPER-POWERS PUZZLING..."

BUT WHY WEREN'T MY PEOPLE ALSO SUPER-STRONG WHEN FREE OF KRYPTON'S HEAVY GRAVITY?

BECAUSE OUR SUPER-POWERS COME PARTLY FROM LESSER GRAVITY, PLUS ULTRA SOLAR RAYS THAT PENETRATE EARTH DAY AND NIGHT! THESE RAYS CAN ONLY AFFECT PEOPLE WHO WERE BORN IN OTHER SOLAR SYSTEMS THAN EARTH'S!



AND ONLY YELLOW STARS LIKE EARTH'S SUN EMIT THOSE SUPER-ENERGY RAYS! ON PLANETS OF NON-YELLOW SUNS, WE WOULD NOT BE SUPER-POWERED, EVEN UNDER LOW GRAVITY!

I SEE! KRYPTON HAD A RED SUN, SO THE PEOPLE ON THE CHUNK I LIVED ON DIDN'T BECOME SUPER!



"BUT MY PARENTS' TRAGIC END BROUGHT UP ANOTHER QUESTION..."

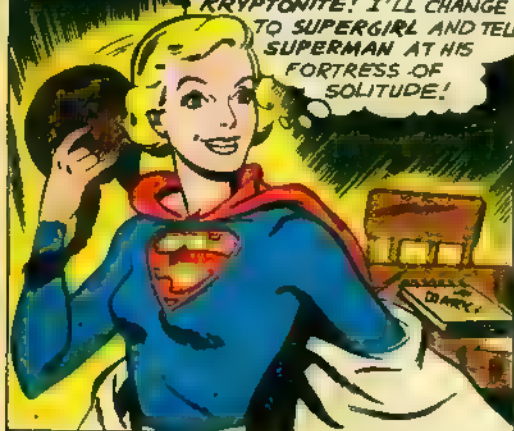
WHY IS KRYPTONITE DEADLY TO US?

THE RAY CAN PENETRATE THROUGH OUR SKIN INTO OUR VEINS, CHANGING THE RED CORPUSCLES TO GREEN! THIS BLOOD POISONING INEVITABLY CAUSES A FATAL KRYPTONITE FEVER! OF COURSE, RED KRYPTONITE ALWAYS AFFECTS US DIFFERENTLY-- BUT THAT'S ANOTHER STORY!



SUDDENLY, LINDA LEE CLOSES HER DIARY EXCITEDLY AND...

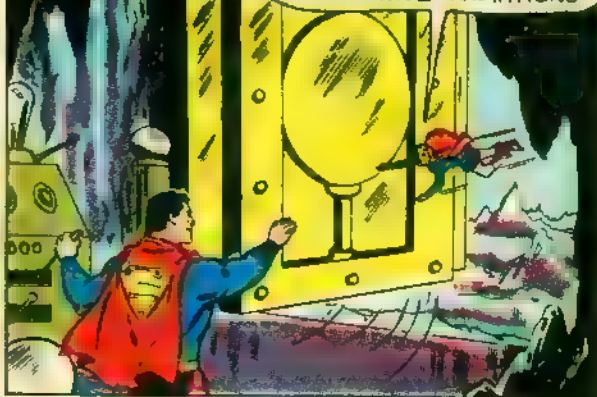
GOLLY! I HAVE A GREAT IDEA HOW TO CONQUER KRYPTONITE! I'LL CHANGE TO SUPERGIRL AND TELL SUPERMAN AT HIS FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE!



LATER, AT THE MAN OF STEEL'S ARCTIC STRONGHOLD...

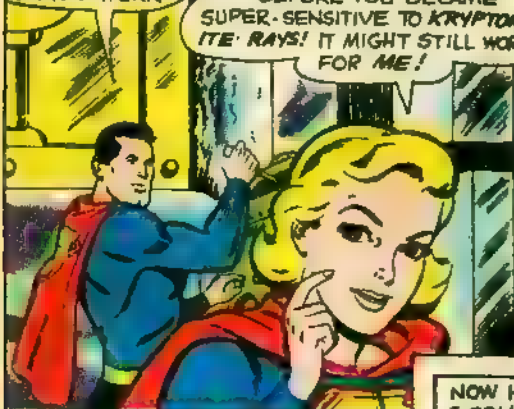
HI, COUSIN! YOU LOOK EXCITED!

I AM, SUPERMAN! LISTEN... AS EVERYONE KNOWS, EARTH PEOPLE CAN TAKE SEVERAL DOSES OF POLIO VACCINE AND GAIN IMMUNITY TO POLIO! WHY CAN'T WE DO THE SAME WITH KRYPTONITE RADIATIONS?

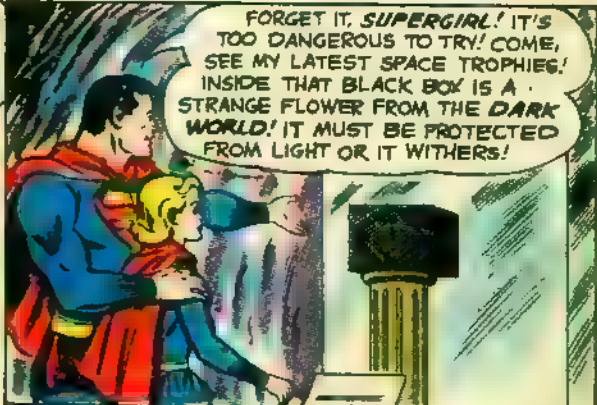


I TRIED THAT RECENTLY, SUPER-GIRL... BUT IT DIDN'T WORK!

HMM... BUT MAYBE IT WOULD HAVE WORKED WHEN YOU WERE YOUNGER... BEFORE YOU BECAME SUPER-SENSITIVE TO KRYPTONITE RAYS! IT MIGHT STILL WORK FOR ME!

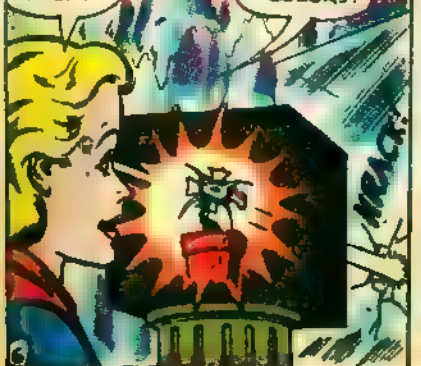


FORGET IT, SUPERGIRL! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS TO TRY! COME, SEE MY LATEST SPACE TROPHIES! INSIDE THAT BLACK BOX IS A STRANGE FLOWER FROM THE DARK WORLD! IT MUST BE PROTECTED FROM LIGHT OR IT WITHERS!



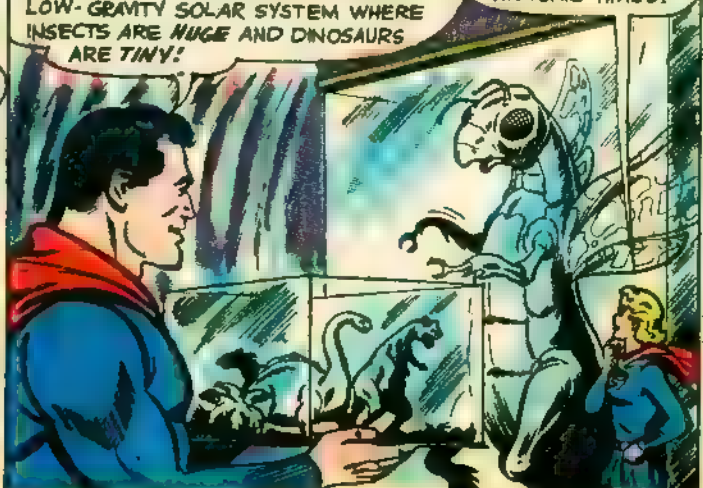
TAKE A LOOK WITH YOUR X-RAY VISION! USE FULL POWER BECAUSE I MADE THE BOX THICK!

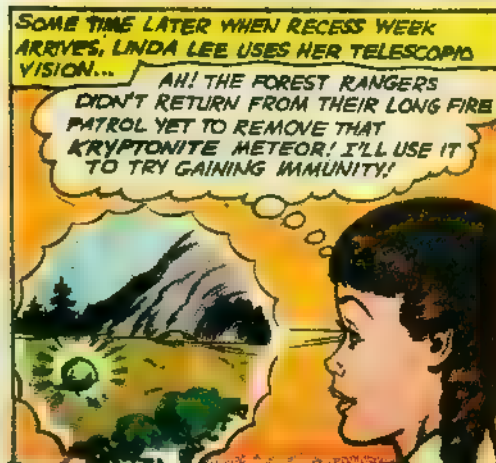
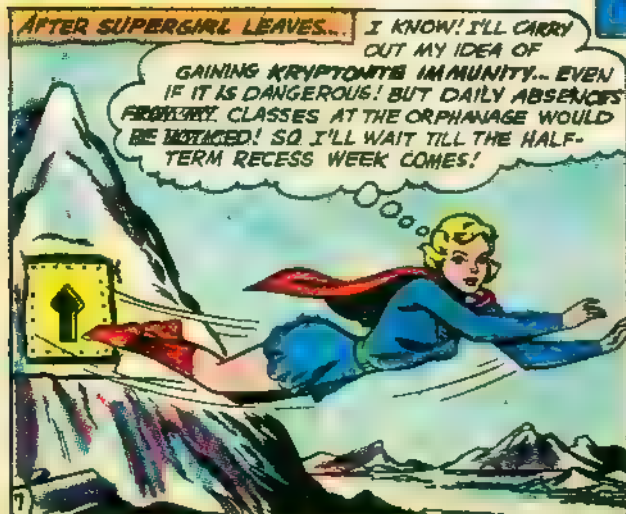
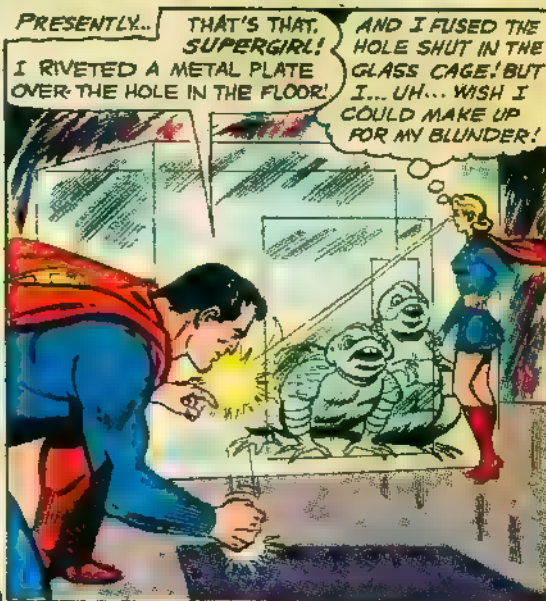
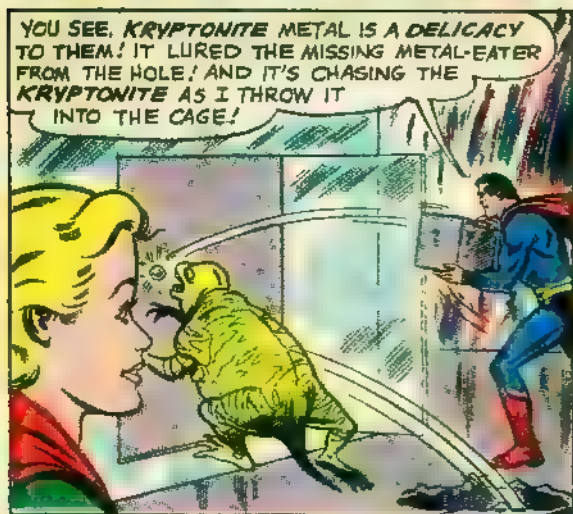
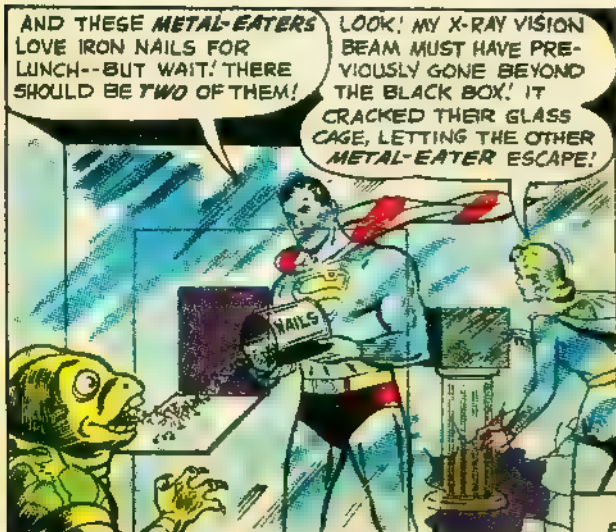
HOW BEAUTIFUL, SUPERMAN! THE FLOWER MAKES ITS OWN LIGHT... IN RAINBOW COLORS!



NOW HERE ARE THE LATEST CREATURES I COLLECTED FOR MY INTERPLANETARY ZOO! THESE SPECIMENS ARE FROM A LOW-GRAVITY SOLAR SYSTEM WHERE INSECTS ARE HUGE AND DINOSAURS ARE TINY!

JUST THE REVERSE OF EARTH IN PRE-HISTORIC TIMES!

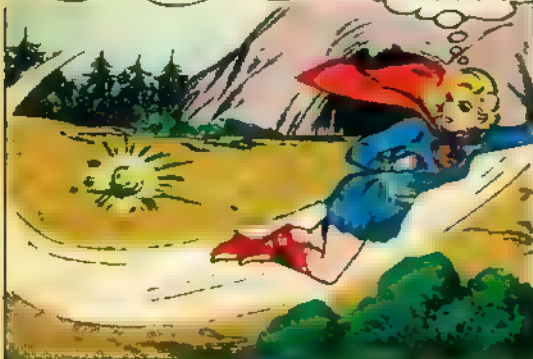






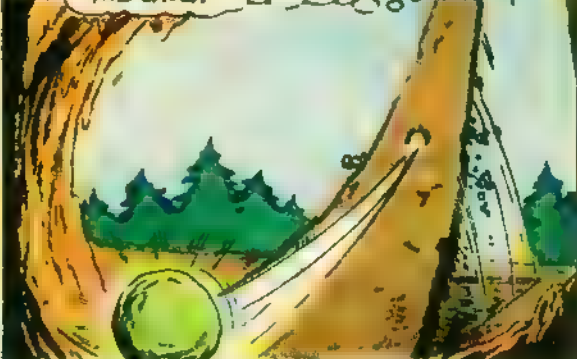
BUT AFTER CHANGING TO SUPERGIRL AND FLYING TO THE FOREST...

NOBODY MUST SEE MY EXPERIMENTS, SINCE MY EXISTENCE IS UNKNOWN ON EARTH! THAT CAVE WOULD BE IDEAL, BUT HOW TO GET THE KRYPTONITE INSIDE? I...I CAN'T GO NEAR THE METEOR! HMMM...



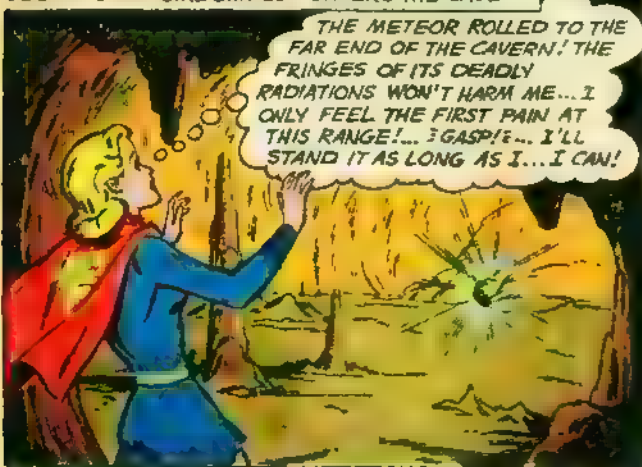
USING HER AMAZING POWERS, THE GIRL OF STEEL RIPS UP A PORTION OF THE GROUND!

LUCKILY, THIS GRASSY SOD HOLDS TOGETHER LIKE A 'RUG' THAT MAKES A SLOPE! THE ROUND METEOR WILL ROLL INTO THE CAVE!



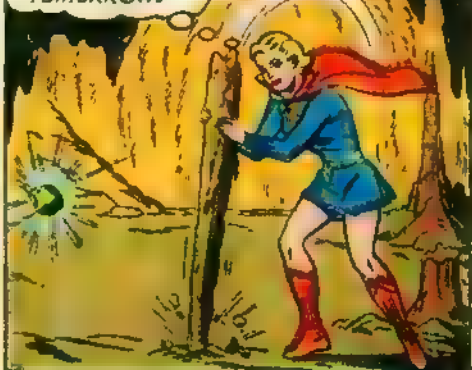
SOON AS THE GIRL BRAVELY ENTERS THE CAVE...

THE METEOR ROLLED TO THE FAR END OF THE CAVERN! THE FRINGES OF ITS DEADLY RADIATIONS WON'T HARM ME... I ONLY FEEL THE FIRST PAIN AT THIS RANGE!... GASP!... I'LL STAND IT AS LONG AS I...I CAN!



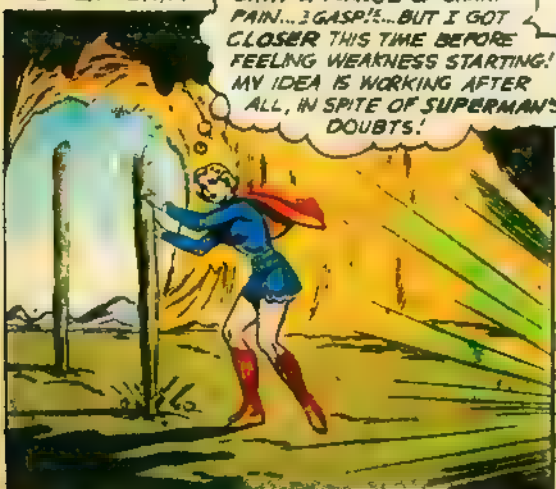
AFTER BREAKING OFF A STALACTITE...

I TOOK MY FIRST "DOSE"! I'LL MARK THE SPOT WHERE I FIRST FELT WEAK AND RETURN TOMORROW!



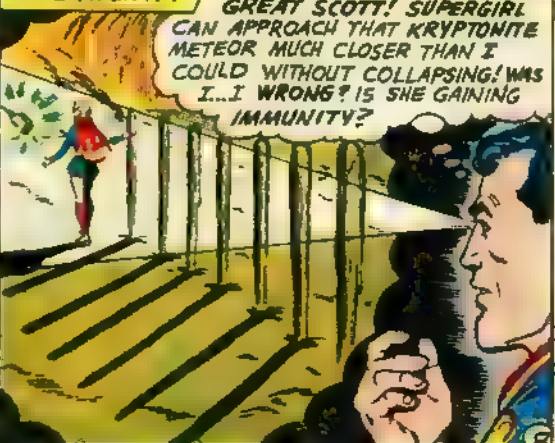
THE NEXT DAY...

OHH! A TWINGE OF SHARP PAIN... GASP!... BUT I GOT CLOSER THIS TIME BEFORE FEELING WEAKNESS STARTING! MY IDEA IS WORKING AFTER ALL, IN SPITE OF SUPERMAN'S DOUBTS!



LATER, WHEN SUPERMAN CHECKS WITH HIS TELESCOPIC VISION AND NOTICES HIS COUSIN'S EXPERIMENT...

GREAT SCOTT! SUPERGIRL CAN APPROACH THAT KRYPTONITE METEOR MUCH CLOSER THAN I COULD WITHOUT COLLAPSING! WAS I...I WRONG? IS SHE GAINING IMMUNITY?





ACTION COMICS

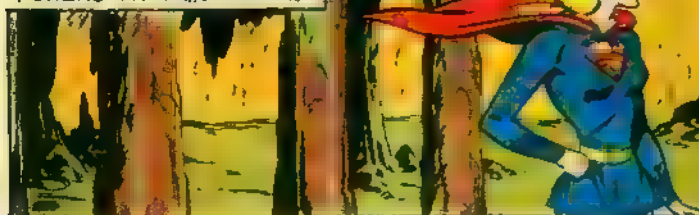


DAY AFTER DAY, SUPERGIRL GETS CLOSER TO HER GOAL!

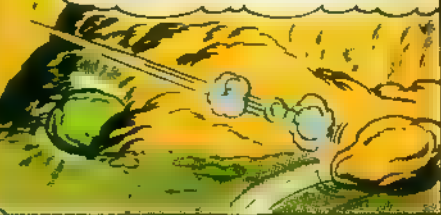


I'M HALFWAY THERE! AND I STILL HAVE THE SUPER-STRENGTH TO SMASH THIS STONE STALAGMITE TO BITS! SUPERMAN WOULD BE TOO WEAK AT THIS POINT!

TAKING HER DAILY DOSES OF RADIATION, THE GIRL OF STEEL FINDS HER SUPER-POWERS UNDIMINISHED...

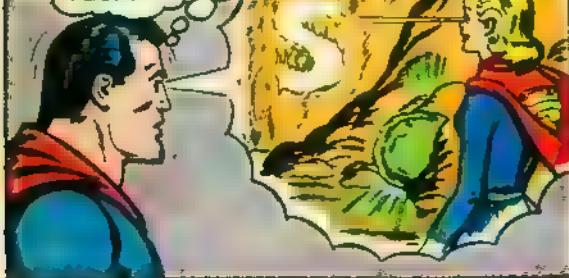


AT THE THREE-QUARTER MARK, MY SUPER-BREATH IS STILL POWERFUL ENOUGH TO BLOW BOULDERS AWAY LIKE FEATHERS!



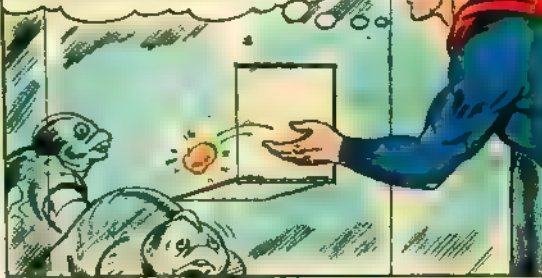
UTTERLY BAFFLED, THE MAN OF STEEL KEEPS A LONG-RANGE WATCH...

INCREDIBLE! IS SHE SUCCEEDING WHERE I FAILED? HER X-RAY VISION IS ALSO UNIMPAIRED! SHE'S BURNING A BIG LETTER IN SOLID ROCK AS A TEST!



SUPERMAN HAS ANOTHER PROBLEM AT HIS FORTRESS...

WHY IS DORA, THE SECOND METAL-EATER, ACTING SO SAD? I'LL TRY TO CHEER HER UP BY FEEDING HER GOLD...IT'S ONE OF HER FAVORITE TIDBITS!

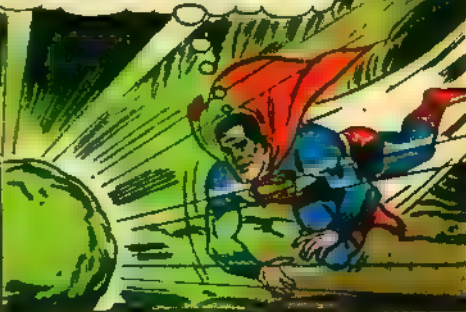


LATER, A MYSTERY ARISES AS HE SUPER-BORES UNDERGROUND...

I PROMISED SCIENTISTS TO SEARCH FOR ANCIENT BURIED FOSSILS...HMM...THAT'S ODD! HERE'S A LONG CROSS TUNNEL THAT I DON'T RECALL MAKING MYSELF AT ANY TIME!



DID SUPERGIRL DRILL IT...UH...GOOD HEAVENS! I MET ANOTHER KRYPTONITE METEOR THAT FELL LONG AGO AND ROLLED INTO THIS CAVERN! I'M T-TURNING W-WEAK...GASP!



THE SOLID ROCK WALLS PREVENT ME FROM BLOWING IT AWAY WITH MY SUPER-BREATH! AND MY X-RAY VISION IS NOW TOO WEAK TO MELT IT! I... I'M TRAPPED! THE RADIATIONS HAVE R-ROBBED ME OF MY S-SUPER-POWERS!

MEANWHILE, IT IS QUITE THE OPPOSITE WITH SUPERGIRL!

I STILL FEEL SLIGHT PAIN BUT I CAN TOUCH THE KRYPTONITE NOW WITHOUT FATAL RESULTS! I'VE GAINED ALMOST TOTAL IMMUNITY! I MUST TELL SUPERMAN THE GOOD NEWS!

WHEN SUPERGIRL SEARCHES HIM OUT WITH HER SUPER-EYES...

OH MY GOODNESS! THERE HE IS... TRAPPED BESIDE ANOTHER KRYPTONITE METEOR! BUT WHY WORRY? WITH MY IMMUNITY TO KRYPTONITE, I CAN RESCUE HIM!

WHILE BEING UNDERGROUND, SUPERGIRL SUPER-SHOUTS THE GLAD NEWS AHEAD!

I'M COMING, SUPERMAN! I CAN LAUGH AT KRYPTONITE RADIATIONS NOW! THEY CAN'T HARM ME ANYMORE!

BUT SUPERGIRL HAS SPOKEN TOO SOON!

I'LL JUST GRAB THAT SILLY OLD METEOR AND...UH...WAIT! I... I'M TURNING W-WEAK! WH-WHAT'S WRONG?

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO SUPERGIRL'S KRYPTONITE IMMUNITY?

NOW I... ? GASP! I'M LOSING MY SUPER-POWERS! BUT...BUT...??

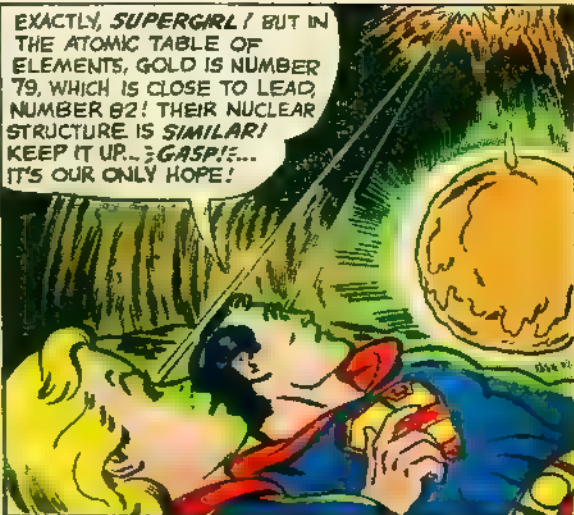
UH...KNOW THE ANSWER, SUPERGIRL! BUT IT ISN'T IMPORTANT NOW! WE'RE BOTH TRAPPED...WE'LL D-DIE HERE TOGETHER!

WAIT, **SUPERGIRL**! TRAIN YOUR X-RAY VISION, ALONG WITH MINE, AT THAT VEIN OF **GOLD** IN THE ROCK! THOUGH WE'RE WEAK, WE'LL MELT ENOUGH OF IT TO COVER THE METEOR!

BUT WHY, **SUPERMAN**? GOLD CAN'T STOP **KRYPTONITE** RADIATIONS! ONLY **LEAD** CAN?



EXACTLY, **SUPERGIRL**! BUT IN THE ATOMIC TABLE OF ELEMENTS, **GOLD** IS NUMBER 79, WHICH IS CLOSE TO **LEAD**, NUMBER 82! THEIR NUCLEAR STRUCTURE IS **SIMILAR**! KEEP IT UP... **GASP!**... IT'S OUR ONLY HOPE!



MIRACULOUSLY, AFTER TENSE MOMENTS...

GOODNESS! THE GOLD TURNED DULL!

T-THANK HEAVEN MY IDEA WORKED! OUR **COMBINED** X-RAY VISION ACTED AS AN **ATOMIC RAY**! THE GOLD ATOMS WERE **CHANGED** INTO **LEAD** ATOMS... WHICH CAN STOP THE DEADLY **KRYPTONITE** RADIATIONS!



SHORTLY, AS THEIR SUPER-STRENGTH RETURNS...

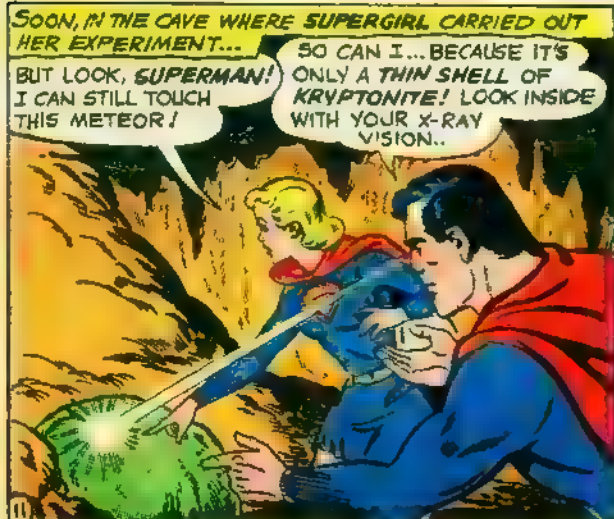
FROM NOW ON WE CAN ESCAPE FROM A **KRYPTONITE** TRAP TOGETHER, IF NOT BY OURSELVES! NOW I'LL SHOW YOU HOW A STRANGE TWIST OF FATE **FOOLED** YOU ABOUT HAVING **KRYPTONITE-IMMUNITY**!



SOON, IN THE CAVE WHERE **SUPERGIRL** CARRIED OUT HER EXPERIMENT...

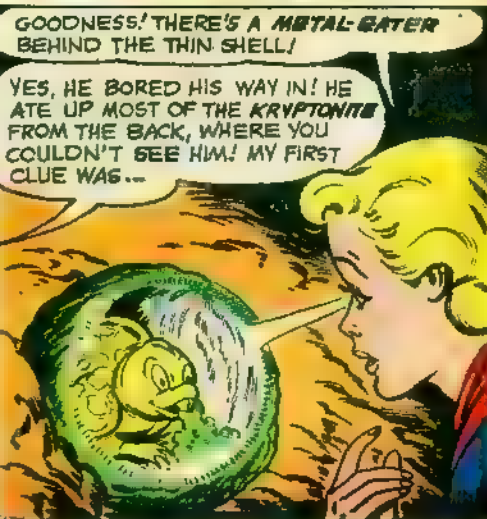
BUT LOOK, **SUPERMAN**! I CAN STILL TOUCH THIS METEOR!

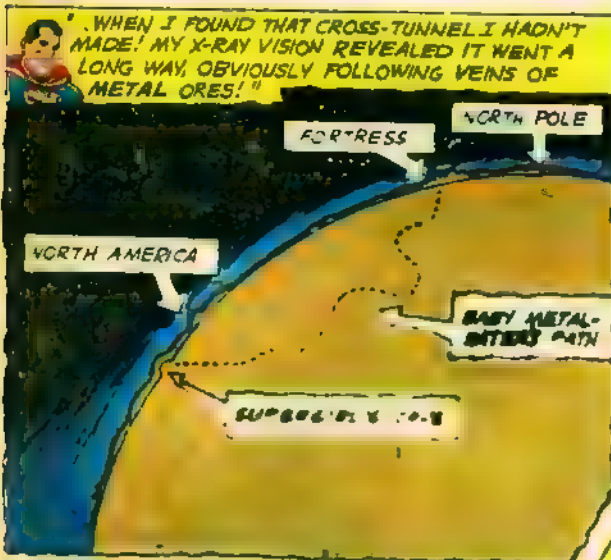
SO CAN I... BECAUSE IT'S ONLY A **THIN SHELL** OF **KRYPTONITE**! LOOK INSIDE WITH YOUR X-RAY VISION...



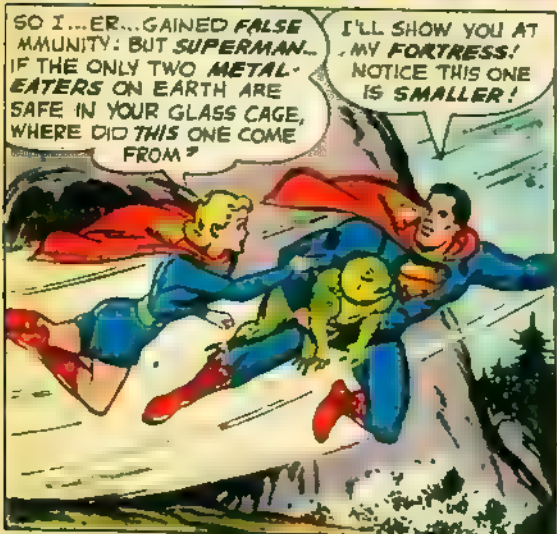
GOODNESS! THERE'S A **METAL-EATER** BEHIND THE THIN SHELL!

YES, HE BORED HIS WAY IN! HE ATE UP MOST OF THE **KRYPTONITE** FROM THE BACK, WHERE YOU COULDN'T SEE HIM! MY FIRST CLUE WAS...

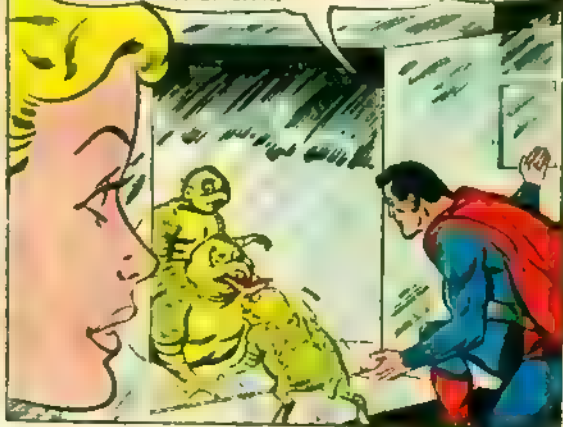




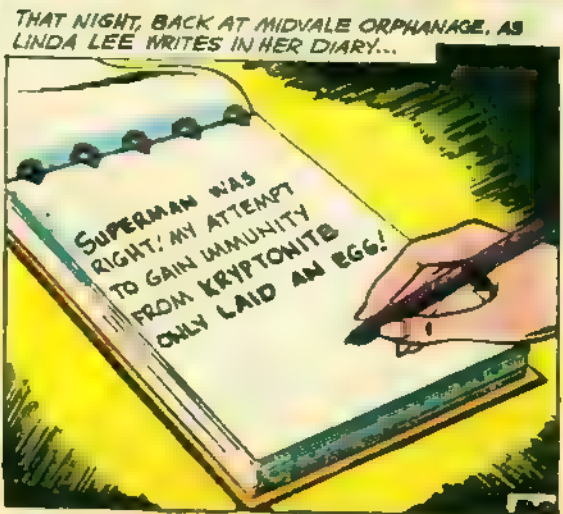
THE METAL-EATER ATE HIS WAY THROUGH UNDERGROUND ORES AND WHEN HE STUMBLED UPON YOUR KRYPTONITE "DELICACY," HE NIBBLED AWAY AT IT SLOWLY, DAY BY DAY! THE MORE HE ATE, THE LESS RADIATIONS YOU FELT! THAT'S WHY YOU WERE ABLE TO GET CLOSER EACH DAY WITHOUT DANGER!

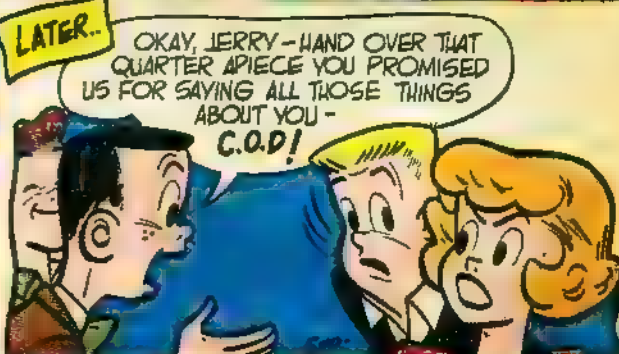
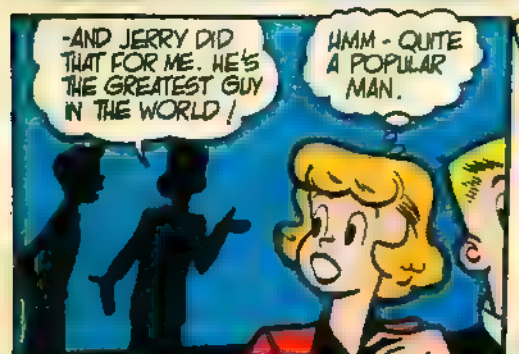
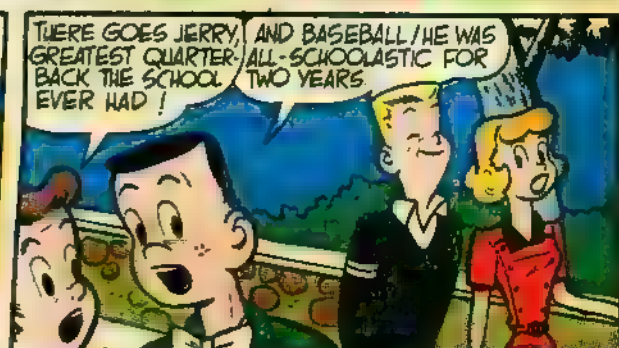
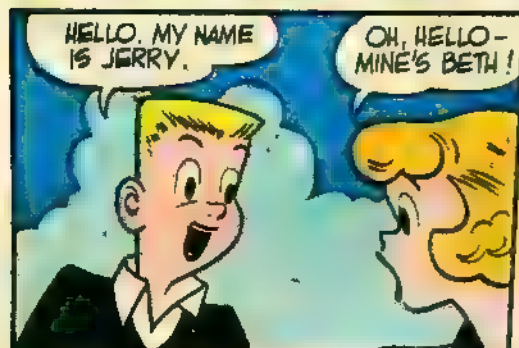
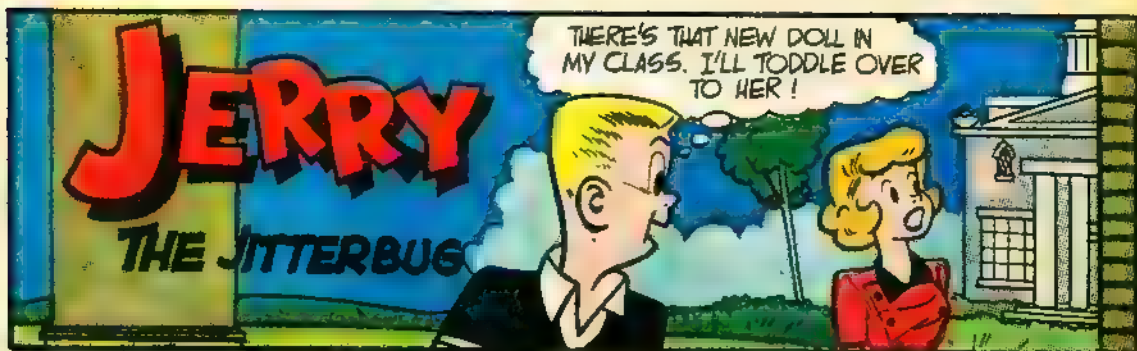


AT THE FORTRESS... MY OTHER CLUE WAS DORA PINING AWAY FOR HER YOUNG ONE! DORA WAS THE METAL-EATER WHO ESCAPED THAT TIME! AND BEFORE I FOUND OUT SHE WAS GONE AND LURED HER BACK...



... SHE HAD TIME TO LAY AN EGG THAT HATCHED LATER, THEN THE BABY METAL-EATER HUNGRILY ATE ITS WAY TO YOUR CAVE TO...ER...DINE ON YOUR KRYPTONITE METEOR!





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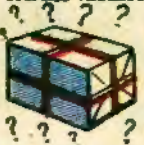
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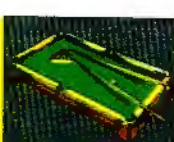
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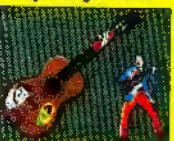
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